

# Farmer arrested for murder

**Brits/ Majakaneng** – Matthew Benson, a 24-year old attempted murder accused, was remanded in custody until Friday 22 September for bail application before the Brits Magistrates' Court.

"The suspect's court appearance stems from his arrest on Saturday, 16 September, following an intensive investigation of attempted murder of the 24-year old Tebogo Ndlovu of Majakaneng near Brits. Benson allegedly shot Ndlovu on Wednesday, 2 August, at one of the farms in the vicinity of Mooiooi," brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, police spokesperson, said.

At the time of the incident, Tebogo and two other men were allegedly stealing oranges

when the accused fired shots at them. According to information available at this stage, it appears that Ndlovu was injured and his companions left him and ran away from the farm. Tebogo was never seen since that day. The incident was reported to the Police two days later.

Subsequently, members of the community embarked on violent protests that led to the burning of five vehicles as well as barricading of the N4, R104 and R566 roads.

At this stage, the search for Ndlovu's body continues. The Police are still requesting anyone with information that may assist in the tracing of Ndlovu to contact the investigation team on 082-416 0767.



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# Parents charged with the rape and neglect of a 3-year old, case postponed to Friday



"We need your support! Rustenburg citizens are up in arms over the rape of this child. The case was postponed to Friday, 29 September, at the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court. "We encourage the community to join us at 09h00. Bring your posters – we need to unite and fight for justice!" says Naomi Pasino of StaanSaam Rustenburg.

**Rustenburg** – A 41-year old mother and 45-year old father, residents of Rustenburg, have appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on 14 September to face charges of rape, neglect, failure to report child abuse and failure to report knowledge of a sexual offence committed against their three-year old child.

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During the course of December 2016 a member of the Care to be Kind organisation reported an incident to the

Police. A three-year old child was in the presence of her highly intoxicated mother at Bobby's Rugby Club in East End, Rustenburg. The child, only wearing a nappy, was frequently seen with the mother. The child's mother allegedly approached the organisation member requesting money to care for the child. The mother then handed the child over to the unnamed member.

The child was taken to a place of safety and was then taken to a hospital, where it was discovered that the little one had allegedly been severely sexually assaulted. Evidence was given by a medical doctor confirming the seriousness of the child's injuries. The child will have to undergo corrective surgery as a result of the injuries she sustained.

"The case is being investigated by Family Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Offences (FCS). The parents appeared in court on Tuesday 19 September for a formal bail application. The bail application was postponed to Tuesday, 26 September and again to 29 September. The child remains in a place of safety," captain Elsabé Augoustides, police spokesperson, said.

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