

STOLEN FORD RANGER FOUND

Rustenburg – A swift response by the flying squad led to the recovery of a Ford Ranger in Meriting that was earlier reported as stolen in Rustenburg.

The police were following a tracker signal of the stolen vehicle and upon arrival at the scene the suspects fled. There are no arrests thus far and investigations continue.

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The ignition cover were removed by the suspects when they stole the vehicle.



The Ford Ranger that was recovered in Meriting.

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Zuurplaat farm attackers before court

Rustenburg – Three foreign nationals will appear before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court for a bail application on 6 August following their arrest at the Zuurplaat farm, near the Old Pretoria road a week ago. In their first appearance on Monday 30 July, the suspects were charged with robbery, attempted murder, copper cable theft, illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition and tampering with infrastructure. Police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said it appeared as if the suspects had planned the robbery beforehand. "They tripped the electricity on the property and stole the copper cables before entering the premises. Once inside, it is alleged that they assaulted the employees who were trying to defend themselves. In the ensuing scuffle, one of the employees was pistol whipped which resulted in a deep

gash in his head. The suspects fled with cellphones, cash and other valuable items to a nearby mountain where they hid for the night," sergeant Mokgadi said.

The next morning, the suspects summoned a co-conspirator to come and fetch them. The farming community in the area noticed the suspicious activities and immediately summoned for assistance. The police gave chase and managed to arrest three suspects, while two managed to escape.



TWO ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Rustenburg – Two men, who allegedly robbed a Chinese national of an undisclosed amount of cash and a firearm, appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 25 July.

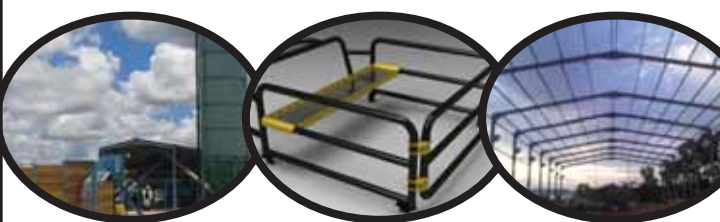
The two suspects, Thebeetsile Matenge (43) and Modise Moenyana (38) first appeared before the same court on two charges of illegal possession of firearms and robbery on 18 July.

Spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said that the Chinese national businessman was attacked by more than four suspects at a parking area in the central business area (CBD). "The suspects then sped off in a white Audi which was later traced by the K9 unit at a residential complex in Waterkloof. Matenge and Moenyana was arrested after being found in possession of two pistols, one that belongs to the Chinese national businessman and the other one with its serial numbers filed off. Both suspects were remanded in custody and investigations continue."



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Motorcyclist killed on R24

Rustenburg – A motorcyclist was killed and two others injured when they collided with an Audi A3 on the R24 road in Rustenburg on Saturday 28 July.

Police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi said three motorcyclists travelled in the direction of Krugersdorp and the driver of the Audi was traveling towards Rustenburg when the accident occurred.

"One of the motorcyclists died on scene. One of the injured was airlifted to Pretoria and the third motorcyclist suffered slight injuries," sergeant Mokgadi said. He added that the Audi had four occupants, two males and two females, who suffered minor injuries. Investigations continue.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.



216 SUSPECTS ARRESTED

North West – In Rustenburg, 36 suspects were arrested of a total of 216 nabbed in other clusters during a police swoop conducted on 26 and 27 July.

Police spokesperson lieutenant general Baile Motswenyane said the suspects include 77 who were held for assault, seven common robberies, six for rape, 17

for malicious damage to property, 35 for burglary, seven for contravention of a protection order and 17 for theft.

Of the 216 arrests, 33 were for crimes against women and children. Most of them have appeared before various courts within the province on 27 July as well as on Monday 30 July.

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