



## MINE PROPERTY STOLEN, 34 ARRESTED

**Rustenburg** – The Police arrested 34 suspects between 1 and 30 June regarding the damage and theft of mine infrastructure.

“The damages pose a risk to public safety, electricity supply, communication and transportation,” said police spokesperson captain Aafje Botma.

Of the 34 suspects, 14 were arrested in Rustenburg Cluster for tampering with and/or destroying mine property.

According to Botma, in one incident that occurred on 1 June at 16:16, a security officer at a mine in Boitekong discovered two suspects in possession of mine property. The suspects were arrested and handed over to the Police.

In another incident, three suspects aged between 24 and 34 were seen carrying bundles of copper cable, in Phokeng on Friday 28 June. The trio was arrested.

If you see any suspicious activities, please contact Crime Stop on 086 001 0111.



## FRAUD ALERT

Northam Platinum Limited is urging all members of the communities situated around its Zondereinde operation to please report anybody that attempts to sell them a job at the mine by phoning the number 0147845233 or 0826512419.

The company is aware of criminals that are going around the communities pretending to be employed at the Human Resources (HR) Department and asking job seekers to pay them money in order to secure a job at the mine. The mine's HR Department follows strict recruitment processes to formally appoint new employees and this does not include accepting payment of any kind.

Please report any employee or member of the public that asks you to pay them for a job at the mine immediately. Make sure you take down the job seller's:

- Name and Surname
- Cellphone number
- Banking details

Northam Platinum Limited does not accept money from applicants in exchange for a job at the mine.



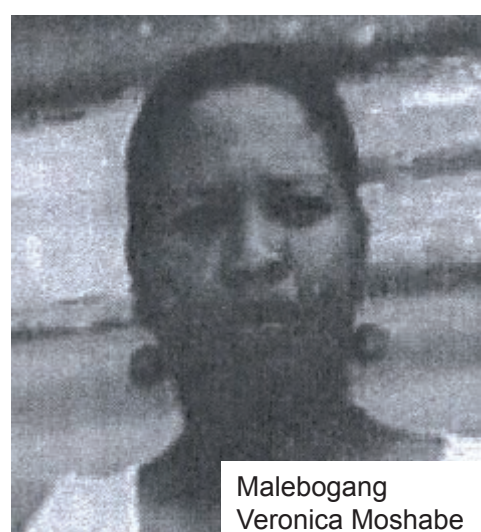
## HAVE YOU SEEN HER?

**Rustenburg** – The Police are looking for Malebogang Veronica Moshabe who was kidnapped by four unknown men on Monday 20 May 2019 at around 20:30.

The four men abducted Veronica from 0626 Phiri section, Madikwe village in Rustenburg, before driving away in a silver car with no registration plates.

The police are requesting that if anyone has information that can help in tracking down the men or locating the whereabouts of the woman, to please come forward.

If you have any information, contact the Rustenburg Detective Services on 014 590 4062 or 082 772 8941.



Malebogang Veronica Moshabe

## COUNTING THE COSTS OF A VIOLENT PROTEST

**Ottosdal** – Offices belonging to the Tswaing Local Municipality and a community library in Letsopa were torched by angry residents of Ottosdal on Wednesday 10 July during a protest due to poor service delivery.

The protestors, who blame the Tswaing mayor for failing to address issues they raised in a memorandum of demands submitted a month before, also vandalised the local police station and torched three vehicles.

Lack of proper housing, poor electricity supply, the unavailability of recreational facilities, high levels of crime and unemployment as well as poor sanitary facilities and

intermittent water supply were among the issues that drove the community to protest.

A spokesperson for the North West Department of Local Government and Human Settlements, Dineo Thapelo, told *Platinum Weekly* that an assessment is underway in order to calculate the financial damages caused by the protest.

“At this moment we are unable to quantify the damages. It is very frustrating for local government when communities destroy their own facilities,” Dineo added.



What a sight!



Protest turns violent.



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## RAPIST BEHIND BARS

**Rustenburg** – The 42-year old James Tshepo Marobi, who was accused of raping a 15-year old girl, was sentenced to life imprisonment on Tuesday 2 July 2019 by the Tlhabane Magistrates' Court.

According to police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides, the teenager was on her way back from the clinic on 11 November 2015 when the suspect, who lives in her neighbourhood, grabbed her, and forced her into his house where he raped her.

Someone knocked at the door and she managed to escape. “The girl was very frightened, to such an extent that she only told her mother of the incident the next day.” The SAPS were alerted and arrested the suspect three days later.

The case was remanded several times. The accused remained in custody until his sentencing. The investigating officer, sergeant Pheny Monchusi, is congratulated for a job well done.



Sergeant Pheny Monchusi played a vital role in securing the conviction.