



THREE CONVICTED FOR MURDER AND HIJACKING



Brits – Jan Moche, Solomon Mokwena and Donald Lebeya will spend at least 25 years behind bars after they were handed life sentences by the Pretoria High Court on Thursday 25 July for murder and hijacking. The trio, aged between 34 and 36 years, are behind bars after the state's overwhelming evidence linked them to the 2014 murder of Mongezi Nzuzo. The convicted killers were sentenced to 20 years for car hijacking, five years for possession of an unlicensed firearm and two years for possession of ammunition. All the sentences will run concurrently.

The police began an investigation after community members reported the discovery of Mongezi's lifeless body near Lethabile Clinic, Brits. "Investigations revealed that the victim's cellphone was stolen and his Polo Vivo hijacked before he was fatally shot in the head," North West police spokesperson lieutenant colonel Amanda Funani said. Donald, who was arrested on Friday 28 March 2014 at Atteridgeville while in possession of the Polo, led police to the other two suspects. All three were linked to the crimes through evidence supplied by the person who had bought Mongezi's cellphone.

TEACHER'S KILLERS ON THE RUN

Rustenburg – Police are still on the lookout for suspects behind the brutal killing of a 42-year old teacher, who was shot in Tlhabane on Tuesday 23 July.

Francina Raphokwe was found murdered near the gate to her house by neighbours who had rushed to the area shortly after they had heard gunshots. Nothing was taken from Francina, who was killed while waiting for a bus to take her to Rakoko Secondary School in Mabeskaal, and the police are still investigating the motive of the murder.

North West police spokesperson lieutenant colonel Amanda Funani said: "We cannot divulge details such as the type of gun used, at this stage. The

investigation is still underway. We are appealing to anyone with information to contact the police." North West member of the executive committee (MEC) for education, Mmaphefo Matsemela, described Francina's killing as tragic. "The department has arranged counselling for both learners and teachers at the school," she said. We extend our sincerest condolences to the friends, family and colleagues of Mrs Francina Raphokwe.



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"TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY"

WANTED: CIT HEIST SUSPECT

Rustenburg – The directorate for priority crime investigation is in pursuit of a suspect who was involved in a cash-in-transit (CIT) robbery on Saturday 20 July.

According to provincial spokesperson of the Hawks, captain Tlanelani Rikhotsa, the heavily armed suspects used two vehicles to force an armoured vehicle to a halt at the intersections of Fatima Bayat and Bosch street in Rustenburg. They then stole an undisclosed amount of money after they blew open the safes of the armoured vehicle.

The directorate for priority crime investigation urges anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the suspect to contact the investigating officer captain Mlungisi Ndlovu on 071 481 2867 or Crime Stop on 086 001 0111.

Information received will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.



Have you seen this man?

JOBS FOR CASH SCAM IN KOSTER



Koster – Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality is warning people living in Koster, Swartruggens, Mazista and Derby to be on the lookout for scammers who are swindling vulnerable job seekers by promising them fake jobs in exchange for money.

The fraudsters are in the habit of misleading community members by promising to place them in municipal positions that do not exist.

A spokesperson of the municipality, Sanah Magakgala, said: "The fraudsters call innocent people, and promise them jobs in the municipality in exchange for money. They also use the names of employees within the municipality to give the impression that what they are doing is legitimate."

She urged community members to be alert and remember that the municipality will always advertise vacancies in newspapers, municipal noticeboards, libraries and social media platforms. "The public should report any employment offer to the police and to the fraud and anticorruption hotline, 0800 701 701," Sanah said.

For more information, contact the municipality's human resources offices during working hours at 014 543 2004.

94 ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING

NW – A total of 433 people were arrested for various offences during a four-day operation by police officers in partnership with law enforcement personnel from the North West department of community safety and transport management.

From Friday 26 July to Monday 29 July, several roadblocks were mounted in various parts of the province.

The police maintained a high presence at many crime hotspots during the operation.

Of the suspects arrested, 94 were found to be driving under the influence of alcohol while 170 were nabbed for liquor-related offences such as drinking in public and illegally selling alcoholic beverages. Fines were also issued to motorists who were caught violating the law such as driving without a licence, driving an un-roadworthy vehicle and overloading.

Other suspects were apprehended for assault, robbery, drug related crimes, shoplifting, house burglary and theft of a motor vehicle.

"Pistols, knives, drugs, cellphones, television sets, electronic equipment, and 24 rounds of ammunition were seized," North West police spokesperson lieutenant colonel Amanda Funani said. All the arrested suspects have appeared at various magistrates' courts around the province.

