

FARM ATTACKER REMANDED IN CUSTODY

Leeudoringstad – Joseph Bernard Kulelaphi appeared before the Wolmaransstad Magistrates' Court on Friday 19 June and 23 June for house robbery, attempted murder and theft of a motor vehicle. The accused appeared before court following a house robbery committed on 12 June at about 19:30 on a farm near Leeudoringstad.

According to police spokesperson Colonel Adéle Myburgh, two suspects broke open door and overpowered a 77-year old farmer in his house.

During the ordeal, they hit the victim on his head with a panga and tied him up. The suspects then stole six firearms from a safe as well as a cellular phone and fled the scene in the farmer's Mercedes Benz. The victim managed to free himself and sounded the alarm, which alerted the police and

emergency services who rushed to the scene. The farmer was admitted to hospital with serious head injuries, while the stolen vehicle was found abandoned on the Leeudoringstad-Orkney road a few hours later. Following an intensive investigation, a suspect was identified shortly after the attack and subsequently traced and apprehended on 17 June at his house on a farm in the Leeudoringstad area. All six stolen firearms were recovered. The police also found a .38 special revolver with a filed-off serial number.

The provincial commissioner of North West, lieutenant general Sello Kwena congratulated the police for a job well done and for recovering the firearms stolen, which he said were likely to be used to commit serious and violent crimes.



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POLICE STATION REOPENS AFTER COVID-19 SCARE

Mooi nooi/ Brits – The Mooi nooi Police Station has been reopened, while several police officers who tested positive for COVID-19, have gone into self-isolation. The station had been temporarily closed after an unspecified number of its members tested positive for COVID-19.

The day-to-day administration of the station had to be conducted in the boardroom while the facility was undergoing thorough decontamination.

However, police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone confirmed to *Platinum Weekly* that the station reopened its doors on Tuesday 23 June and is now fully

functional. The police station in Mooi nooi is not the only station that had to temporarily close their doors due to COVID-19.

During May, the Brits police station was closed temporarily while police stations in Rustenburg and Sun City were also shut down temporarily during June because of COVID-19.

All the police stations have since been decontaminated and are now operating at full capacity and in line with the relevant government safety and health measures.



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CONVICTED RAPISTS HANDED HEFTY SENTENCES

Phokeng – Two men convicted of rape will spend a long time behind bars after the courts handed each of them a heavy sentence. On Thursday 18 June 2020, the Taung Regional Court sentenced a 25-year old man to life imprisonment after he was found guilty of raping two minors. On the same day, the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court sentenced 48-year old Dannyboy Johannes Ramela to 49 years in jail after he was found guilty on three counts of rape.

In separate incidents which occurred between 2011 and 2013, Ramela raped three women in Chaneng near Phokeng. The court heard that he committed the crimes at night by threatening his victims with a knife, dragging them to the bushes and raping them. Following his arrest in 2013 for one of the rape incidents, Ramela was linked to the other three crimes through DNA tests. Ramela was sentenced to 13 years behind bars for the first count and an additional 13 years for the second count. He was handed a further 23 years for the third count.

Police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said: "He has previous convictions of crimes such as the possession of suspected stolen goods, rape, burglary, robbery and assault. He will serve an effective 36-year imprisonment as the sentences on count 1 and 2 will run concurrently."

Provincial commissioner of police lieutenant general Sello Kwena commended sergeant Keolebogile Masire and captain Mokgathe Mokgathe for their thorough investigations and for securing maximum sentences on both cases. He said these heavy sentences are a strong warning to those committing crimes against women and children.

SOULFOOD

PSALM 27

'The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?'

'When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.'

'Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.'

'One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.'

'For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.'

'And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.'

'Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

'Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.'

'When You said, "Seek My face,"

'My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

'Do not hide Your face from me;

'Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

**You have been my help;
Do not leave me nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.**



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TANDOORI FLAMES INDIAN CUISINE AT ITS BEST!

Rustenburg – If you have never tasted the delicious meals of Tandoori Flames, you are missing out.

Located at the Platinum Square shopping centre in Rustenburg, the restaurant will reopen its doors to the public on Wednesday 1 July and will operate under strict COVID-19 regulations. Make a note in your diary and be sure to drop by to experience the very best in Indian cuisine!

Try out their delicious butter chicken, chicken tikka, shish kebab, chicken biryani, prawn fried rice and the many other sumptuous dishes that gave the restaurant the distinction of being named the '2020 Best Food Takeaway and Best Food Delivery Restaurant' in Rustenburg.

"Pending government approval we hope that we will re-open for sit-down from 10:00 to 21:00 as from 1 July and our customers can expect our typical top-quality service," Suresh Padiyaar, one of the managers, said. "Everyone entering will be sanitised. Strict social distancing and other measures will be in place to ensure a safe environment for everyone."

Visit their Facebook page for more information and remember to rate them.

For more information, contact Suresh Padiyaar on 014 537 2221 or 078 113 5487.



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