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Breakthrough in double murder

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THE long arm of the law caught up with two people alleged to have killed a mother and her daughter in Magogoe village, near Mahikeng in September 2015.

The two, aged 33 and 60, will appear in the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court on two counts of murder today. They had evaded arrest for the past three years but police are confident they have finally cracked the case.

Sgt Kelebogile Moleko of the North West police said the accused were arrested on Friday. "The suspects were apprehended in Magogoe Tar village following thorough investigation into an incident in which Kegopotse Tawana and her daughter, Kelebogile were fatally shot on an evening in September 2015 at their place of abode at Magogoe Tar village," she said.

Moleko said after the attack, the assailants fled the scene with a laptop, cash and cellphone.

Acting police provincial commissioner Maj-Gen Ryno Naidoo commended the police and everyone who worked with them to ensure the pair were apprehended.

"This arrest will send a clear message that the police are working together with the community and we'll show no mercy to ruthless criminals," he said.

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'Stay away from cash-in-transit crime scenes'

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NORTH West police have warned members of the public to stay away from crime scenes especially those involving cash-in-transit heists.

Spokesperson Sgt. Kelebogile Moleko said people endanger their lives by getting close to or tampering with crime scenes.

"It has become apparent that suspects use explosives to blow up cash-in-transit vehicles. It has been noted with concern that members of the community would immediately go closer to the scene to take pictures after the suspects had fled," she said.

In one of the incidents in September last year, members of the community helped themselves to the cash left strewn all over after thugs blew up a cash-in-transit vehi-

cle along the R510 road in Monakato near Rustenburg.

Several people were later arrested for tampering with the crime scene.

"Each crime scene is considered to be 'holy ground' and contamination thereof is totally discouraged and unacceptable as that hampers successful investigation. By-standers are urged to avoid getting closer to cash in transit robbery crime scenes due to the likelihood of further explosions that may cause serious and life threatening injuries," Moleko said.

Instead, Moleko said, members of the community were requested to preserve crime scenes for processing and to share with the police any information that may lead to apprehension of the suspects by calling Crime Stop on 086 00 1011.

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