

Operation Basadi yields successes

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Mahikeng Mail-Mahikeng- The South African Police Service (SAPS), Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, Traffic Department and Road Traffic Management last Friday launched Operation Basadi, which was in line with operations for Women's Month.

The aim of the operation was to combat crime against women and children as well as policing crime in general. The operation lasted from Friday morning until Sunday morning and SAPS were delighted to report on their success.

On Friday around 71 arrests were made of which 16 were drug related with a total of 3258 grams of dagga being confiscated. Other offences included driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of suspected stolen motor vehicle and liquor related offences. From Saturday until Sunday morning 40 vehicles were searched, 3 arrests were made for possession of dagga and 11 were arrested for non-compliance with the Liquor Act. Other arrests

to all major points.



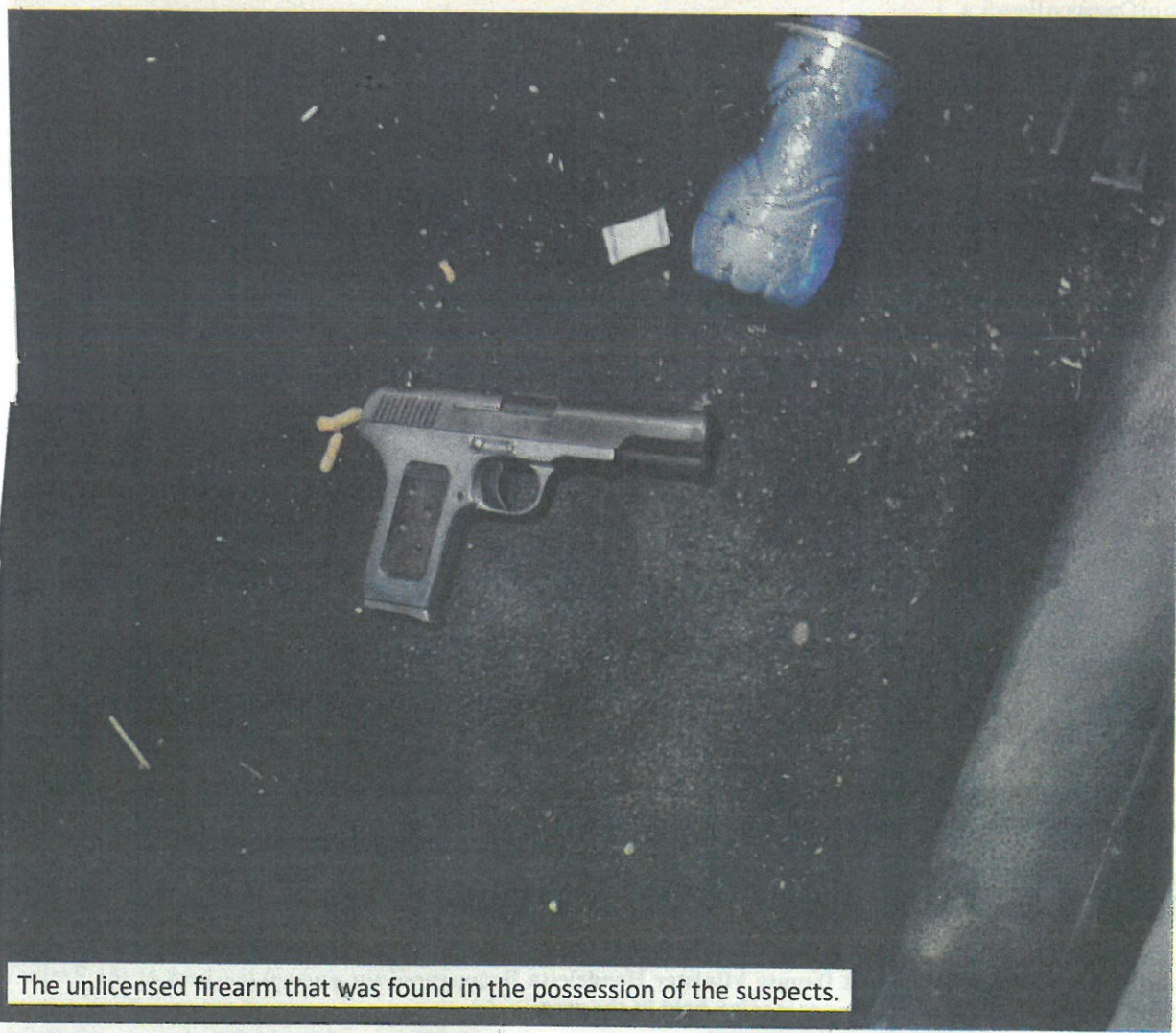
The MEC of NW Community Safety and Transport management, Mpho Motlhabane, alongside NW Provincial Commissioner, Lt Gen Baile Motswenyane.



Police and Traffic officials parading at Mahikeng Cluster (TTA).

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Three suspects nabbed at local ATM



The unlicensed firearm that was found in the possession of the suspects.

Mahikeng Mail-Mahikeng- Three suspects aged between 35 and 47 have been arrested on Tuesday morning around 06:30 at a Nedbank ATM following an intelligence driven operation.

The suspects' arrest came after the police received information about suspicious people at one of the bank's Automatic Teller Machines (ATM), attempting to withdraw money. The Police reacted immediately and upon arrival found three suspects standing next to the ATM holding a firearm. They were also in possession of suspected stolen bank cards. All three suspects were arrested after failing to account for the cards.

The suspects were found in possession of unlicensed firearm, ammunition, suspected stolen bank cards and undisclosed amount of money. They are residing in Klerksdorp, Bothaville and Kroonstad, Free State respectively.

Police are investigating the matter and they are expected to appear in court soon.

MEC to welcome newly trained traffic officers

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COMMUNITY safety and transport management MEC Mpho Mofhegane will welcome a group of new traffic officers in Christiana tomorrow.

The officers are fresh from their year-long training in Pretoria and are going to join in the fight against those

who violate road traffic laws.

The welcoming ceremony takes place at the Christiana Sports Grounds at Hamm.

Community safety and transport management spokesperson Thabo Sematle said the department would continue to recruit unemployed young people between 18 and 35 years on a

yearly basis and provide them with a learnership programme to train to become traffic officers.

“The programme contributes immensely towards addressing the shortage of traffic officers in Bokone Bophirima and it further assists in the envisaged reduction of unemployment, poverty and inequality in the province,

especially in the previously disadvantaged villages, townships and small doerpias within Bokone Bophirima,” he said.

He said the government recruited young people after realising the need to have more law enforcement personnel in the province.

“The recruitment of these young

people follows the commitment made by the department, which was to intensify traffic law enforcement operations, increase the visibility of law enforcement agents and reduce road accidents and fatalities. The officers will begin their duties in different traffic stations across the province,” he said.

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Caught red- handed at ATM

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THREE men will soon appear in the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court after they were arrested for possession of suspected stolen bank cards.

The trio also had an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

Provincial police spokesperson Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said: "The police in Mahikeng, through a crime intelligence-driven operation, arrested three suspects aged between 35 and 47 for possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition as well as possession of suspected stolen bank cards."

Moleko said the men's arrest came after the police received information about suspicious-looking people who were attempting to withdraw money at one of the bank's ATMs.

"Police reacted immediately and found three suspects standing next to the ATM holding a firearm and in possession of suspected stolen bank cards."

All three suspects were arrested after failing to account for the cards.

They are expected to appear in the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court soon.

Provincial police commissioner, Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane commended the officers who made the arrest, saying criminals had to be shown that there was no place for them in the province.

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