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# Two suspects arrested for robberies

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NORTH West police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane thanked community members who helped in the arrest of two men in separate robbery incidents.

One was arrested in Wolmaransstad and the other in Itsoseng.

Provincial police spokesperson Lt-Col Adèle Myburgh said in the first incident a 35-year-old man was arrested but several others managed to flee and a manhunt was under way.

"Four men went to a house in Wolmaransstad to buy goats as advertised online. It was during the transaction that about 17 men armed with an assortment of weapons including firearms entered the house and robbed the victims of their personal belongings and cash".

According to information, one of the victims fired a warning shot and the suspects fled the scene.

"However, a suspect was arrested and handed over to the police," she said.

The man was charged with armed robbery and preliminary investigations showed that he was awaiting trial for a



companies," Myburgh said. She said in cases where people were dealing in a transaction and had to meet the seller, they should do so at a venue that was safe.

"As for potential buyers, they are also advised not to go straight to the sellers and/or suspicious addresses," she said.

In the Itsoseng incident, Myburgh said that a 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with house robbery after attacking a woman at her home.

"The suspect's arrest emanates from an incident in which a woman was robbed of an undisclosed amount of cash while at her home in Itsoseng on Tuesday morning.

"It is alleged the suspect threatened the victim with a broken bottle, overpowered her and took her cash," she said.

However, the victim managed to put up a fight and escaped.

"She was assisted by the public who apprehended the suspect and handed him over to the police," Myburgh said.

Both men will appear in court in Wolmaransstad and Itsoseng respectively.

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## SUSPECTED: Two suspects arrested over two separate robberies.

robbery that took place in December. Wolmaransstad and Leeudoringstad.

"Police would like to warn the community once again to be cautious when responding to online advertisements, especially in the vicinity of Makwassie, rather do businesses with reputable

# Unidentified Body in Police custody

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MAHIKENG MAIL-MMABATHO: Mmabatho Police request the community to assist in identifying the remains of an unknown corpse of an old man found at Lokaleng village near the railway line on Friday August 4.

The police were summoned to the scene where they discovered a body of an old man wearing khaki trouser; grey socks; black boots; white polo neck and grey jacket. Police appealed to any person with information regarding the incident including identification of the body to contact the investigation officer, Detective Warrant Officer Tale on 079 897 1882.

# Mahikeng to get its international status

**MAHIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG :** The long wait for Mahikeng Airport to get its international licence back will soon be over, thanks to new efforts by transport minister Joe Maswanganyi and his administration. The Minister broke the news when he visited the airport operating from the provincial capital city this week. Accompanied by several officials from his office, Minister Maswanganyi told guests who included provincial MEC responsible for community safety and traffic management, Mpho Motlhabane and Mahikeng Airport Management Company (MAMCO) CEO Tshepiso Letselela that all logistical arrangements had been completed and the licence which had been used by Pilaesberg Airport since 2008 would be returned to its original destination, Mahikeng.

Addressing a media briefing at the airport, the Minister said following a cabinet decision in 2008, International status was granted to the Mahikeng airport who was awarded the licence to operate international flights, but because of the 2010 Soccer World Cup and other logistics, cabinet resolved to instead present the licence to Pilaesberg.

Nine years on, cabinet has decided to return the licence to Mahikeng and the department, the Minister said he was working with the home affairs and SARS immigration administrations and SARS to fulfil all necessary requirements.

“We will continue to work hard to put in place all activities necessary for the

license to return to Mahikeng. Cabinet has already decided on it but the decision has not yet been implemented. There are a few technicalities before it can enforce the agreement.

“We know that bringing the license to Mahikeng will help to address poverty and joblessness in the area and will boost social development, the local economy and domestic investment. The region also boasts with one of the best pilot training academies in the country which would benefit from the move.

“Authorities here can also partner with Botswana and other African countries for further economic development in the region”, he said.



Transport Minister, Joe Maswanganyi and MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane flank MAMCO CEO, Tshepiso Letselela pose for a picture.

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## Driving instructor and cop nabbed for fraud

A TRAFFIC officer and a driving school instructor were arrested in Klerksdorp, North West in connection with fraud and conspiracy to commit it.

The Road Traffic Management Corporation's Simon Zwane said the two men were arrested by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit and the Hawks on Tuesday after an investigation into allegations that they had conspired to issue driving licences unlawfully to learner drivers.

"Sworn statements have been obtained from at least

three females who alleged they obtained licences without undergoing the required test. They claimed they paid R5 000 each to the driving school instructor to obtain the documents. The allegation is that the instructor arranged with the traffic officer to issue the licences irregularly and illegally," Zwane said.

The women were set to give evidence at the trial. "Meanwhile, the illegally issued licences will be cancelled, and the women subjected to proper testing," he said. - ANA