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# Thirteen appear in court for stock theft

THE provincial stock theft unit arrested 13 suspects since last Monday in various parts of the province for stock theft related offences.

Police spokesperson Sabata Mokgwabone said most of the suspects had already appeared in various courts in the province. Over the same period, he said police managed to recover 15 sheep and six head of cattle, all worth R90 000. Most of the stolen animals were recovered in Vryburg while two cows were recovered at Sannieshof.

"We would like to urge livestock owners and members of the community to take extra care of their livestock," Mokgwabone said. "We are advising them, among other things, to ensure that their livestock is correctly brand-marked in accordance with the Animal Identification Act of 2002. We are also asking them to check fences and gates regularly and maintain them to protect stock." Other hints to prevent stock theft include:

- If possible, appoint trained workers to patrol the fences daily
- Always lock up loading ramps in camps or places on the farm where there is no direct supervision or see to it that they are out of sight
- Ensure stolen stock can't be hidden on your farm. If you notice



**RUSTLED:** Livestock owners must be vigilant against theft. PICTURE: PRAAGW

strange animals or suspicious people at a cattle post, report it to the police immediately

- Personally count your stock at least once a week
- If your farm is on the country's borders, do not get involved in illegal deals with citizens of neighbouring countries
- Know your neighbours – if you

are going on leave or taking a trip, leave your contact details with your neighbours so that they can report anything irregular happening at your farm. – OFM News

# MEC Mothabane rolls out festive season operations

MAHIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG: Community Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Mothabane officially rolled out the 2017 festive road safety operations and SAPS When Duty Calls to create a crime and incident free festive season in Bokone Bophirima.

Mothabane also welcomed 20 newly recruited traffic officers who had recently completed their 12-months Road Safety Traffic Management course at the Traffic Training College in Mpumalanga.

The new officers will start their duties in different traffic stations across the Province this week. Mothabane further released an official statement on the circulating video of a Provincial Traffic Officer who was allegedly assaulted by a motorist in Potchefstroom. The motorist was arrested and appeared in the local magistrate's court on charges of assault.

Rolling out this year's festive season at a media briefing in Klerksdorp, MEC Mothabane sent out clear and strong messages to those who will find themselves on the wrong side of the law.

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