Vigilantism condemned after murder suspect hanged

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POLICE commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane said people should at all times desist from taking the law into their own hands.

This follows an incident in which a man accused of killing a 75-year-old woman in Gopane village, near Zeerust,

was hanged by angry community members.

The incident happened on Friday afternoon.

Police spokesperson Lt-Col Pelonomi Makau said: "Information at our disposal said at 6am, a woman was found with a wound to the head inside her house in Gopane village.

"Police were then summoned to the scene and while at the scene, they got a report that members of the community forced a man they suspected to be responsible for the murder of the woman to a tree where they hanged him.

At this stage, two cases of murder have been opened for investigation."

Motswenyane said members of the community must refrain from taking the law into their own hands as that would not be tolerated.

"We are making an appeal to members of the community to work together with the police to ensure that criminals are arrested," Motswenyane said.

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