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Public hearings on Aarto begin today

THE North West's provincial legislature is conducting public hearings on the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (Aarto)
Amendment Bill 2015, starting today. Meetings will be held at the Delareyville Community Hall and Chris Hani Community Hall in Tswelelang, near Wolmaranstad, at 10am. Community safety and transport management MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane will be among the participants. – Elfas Torerai

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Three in court for stock theft

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THREE people appeared in the Coligny Magistrate's Court yesterday after they were arrested for stock theft.

The trio was arrested by the Sannieshof Stock Theft and Endangered Species unit at the weekend.

North West police spokesperson Lite Col Pelonomi Makau said: "They were A arrested after a farmer reported that his Limosin calves were stolen on May 16."

Makau said investigations led police to an auction in Buhmansdrift near Mahikeng where the farmer managed to identify his calves through the brand mark.

"Further investigations culminated in the arrest of the suspects at Botshabelo informal settlement near Coligny," she said. The three face a charge of stock theft.

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RI.5m drugs confiscated

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A 43-YEAR-OLD man, who was caught with drugs worth R1.5m, was remanded in custody after he appeared in the Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Frank Nwaru was arrested by the Hawks after he was found in possession of drugs next to the Klerksdorp

Primary School.

Hawks provincial leader Maj-Gen Linda Mbana said her team had been working on a tip-off from a community member.

"The suspect was spotted leaving an apartment in Klerksdorp CBD. When he noticed he was being followed, he threw a black plastic bag inside his vehicle. He was stopped and searched. His vehicle

was also searched revealing the contents of the plastic bag to be drugs," she said.

Mbana said Nwaru was taken back to the apartment where a search was conducted. Crystal meth and CAT worth R1.5m was found packaged in transparent bags. "The suspect was arrested and charged for illegal possession of drugs. He made his second appearance in court yesterday. The case was postponed to May 29 for a bail application," she said.

Mbana said the Hawks would arrest drug lords and peddlers wherever they

operate in the province.

"Drugs affect our communities negatively. We will continue to dedicate our efforts to fighting the scourge of drugs and arresting the perpetrators," she said.

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