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Dog kills robber, four other suspects arrested

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A MAN died after he was mauled to death by a dog while he and four accomplices were fleeing from the police after a robbery in Klerksdorp on Monday. The police reacted swiftly to a robbery complaint in Naserhof. The four suspects had taken an undisclosed

amount of money from security guards at gunpoint. Provincial police spokesperson Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said the security guards had just collected cash from a filling station when five men robbed them. "The suspects then fled the scene in a black Volkswagen Polo. The police were

alerted about the incident and launched a search for the suspects. Flying Squad members spotted the suspects' vehicle near Klerksdorp Hospital and a car chase ensued. "It was during the chase that the suspects shot at the police, who returned fire. The suspects' vehicle collided with a rock at Roosheuvel and they got out

and fled on foot," Moleko said. One of the men was arrested immediately while the other four jumped a fence into a private residence where one of them was bitten by a dog. "He sustained serious injuries and was certified dead while in transit to hospital by an ambulance."

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Two held for teacher's murder

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TWO men have been arrested in connection with the kidnapping and murder of a North West teacher, Thuli Ngwenya.

The two were nabbed in Johannesburg as the North West police felt they had made a breakthrough in the murder case that riled Mahikeng and the country at large.

Spokesperson Capt Yvonne Maqoboza said a dedicated team of detectives working together with the crime intelligence apprehended the men on Monday.

"The police made a major breakthrough by arresting two suspects aged 50 and 51 in a case in which Thulisile Ngwenya was allegedly kidnapped and murdered," Maqoboza said.

"The pair's arrest in Johannesburg on Monday, came after a thorough and intensive investigation by the team that managed to recover the deceased's cellphone."

Ngwenya, 56, who was a teacher

at Lekoko Primary School outside Mahikeng, was reported missing on October 22.

The missing person's report was made on Saturday after Ngwenya did not return home after she had gone to one of the local banks earlier that day.

Her car was found parked next to the Mahikeng long distance taxi rank on Sunday.

After days of searching, Ngwenya's decomposed body was found by a shepherd on October 25 near Bokone village, Mahikeng.

"The suspects are expected to appear in the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court on Wednesday facing charges of kidnapping and murder," Maqoboza said.

Police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane applauded the team for working tirelessly to track and apprehend the suspects. She expressed hope that a successful conviction would be secured and that the pair be subjected to punishment befitting the heinous crime they allegedly committed.



Thuli Ngwenya

Promotions not easily come by

By SIFISO JIMTA

COPS are exposed to danger every day, yet promotions don't come easy in the police force. According to the South African Police Union, an officer can stay in a rank for 11 years without getting a promotion.

The union has released a statement claiming lack of promotion in the police force as a recipe for disaster. "There is no way you can expect maximum performance from a demotivated workforce. We don't condone acts of corruption or criminality at all. However, the lack of promotions may open room for bribes," read the statement.

Union spokesman Oscar Skommere said they were disappointed that an offer to promote a limited number of police officers had been signed by the police service with another police union. "We've been told only 41 237 officers will be promoted from the rank of constable to the rank of sergeant, 4 828 from the rank of sergeant to warrant officer and 19 073 from warrant officer batch 1 to warrant officer batch 2," he said.

Skommere said the numbers might sound large but they are not, as the majority of the members have been due for promotion for more than 11 years.

The union has declared a dispute in the police bargaining chamber regarding this unfair labour practice.

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