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Police looking for three more suspects in Thuli murder



MAHIKENG MAIL--MAHIKENG: Police in the North West were this week expected to make three more arrests to bring to five the number of suspects arrested for the gruesome murder of Mahikeng resident, Thulisile Ngwenya.

The prosecution at the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court where the first two suspects that appeared last week informed Magistrate Ditiro Goliath that they were searching for three other possible suspects and hoped that they would be exposed during an identity parade. The first two suspects, Headman Njokweni and Sfiso Ndawande both aged 51 appeared before Magistrate Goliath last Wednesday and Thursday on charges of kidnapping, rape, robbery and murder and were not asked to plead. The case against them was remanded to January 19 2018 pending further investigations into the brutal murder of Thuli Ngwenya who according to reports was their relative through her marriage to her late husband who reportedly also died under mysterious circumstances about a year ago. He was apparently a lecturer at the Mahikeng campus of the North West University at the time of his death. Detectives and members of the investigation unit traced the two to Johannesburg where they were arrested after intensive investigations which also revealed the suspects were in possession of Ngwenya's cell phone and credit card which linked them further to the deceased's disappearance and murder. She went missing after visiting a bank in Mafikeng town and had never been seen alive again. Her car was found parked next to the long distance taxi rank in central town. The packed court room reacted with shock at the long list of the criminal records of the two which included nine previous convictions of theft for crimes committed between 1986 and 1990, two previous records of common robbery and another one for which Njokweni is out on a R2,500 bail. He committed the crime in Ermelo in Mphumalanga. His co-accused, Ndawande has one previous case of robbery which he committed in February and received a 5-year suspended sentence. He will now have to first serve the suspended sentence if found guilty for the Ngwenya murder. The court was even more shocked when the two declined to accept the offer of applying for bail arguing that the nature of the case against them had turned them into unwanted targets by the public. They asked for legal assistance from the state saying they had no money to pay for legal costs. The prosecutions argued that the state had a strong case against the two and had several leads linking them to the Ngwenya murder whose battered and bruised body was found in a bushy area in Bokone Village outside Mafikeng town. Among others the two suspects were caught on camera spending lavishly at various shops in town including at a sports store where they were said to have bought clothes costing about R30,000 which led to the staff getting suspicious and recorded their shopping spree on camera. Both the Hawks and police in the region expressed satisfaction with the investigation and the direction their probe was taking indicating that all evidence was pointing to the possible arrest of other suspects in the case.



Headman Njokweni and Sfiso Ndawande who allegedly killed Thulisile Ngwenya recently were remanded in custody after their brief appearance at Mmabatho Magistrate's court last week. (Photo: Otsile Tlape).

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Girl gone, unrest flares
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THREE houses were set alight in Rustenburg following the disappearance of a teenage girl, North West police said.

Police were investigating cases of arson after the houses were torched on Tuesday night at Rustenburg East End.

"It is alleged that community members were accusing the owners of the houses (foreign nationals) of being responsible for the missing 14-year-old. No one has been arrested. The search is continuing."

Gomolemo Karabo Haraba, 14, a Rustenburg Technical High School pupil was last seen on November 3, on her way home after school. - ANA

PRETORIA NEWS Pg 5 02/11/2017 SANRAL

Sanral denies writing off 3.6bn

SIPHELELE DLUDLA

THE South African Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) yesterday denied that it had written off impairment losses of R3.6 billion for unpaid e-toll debts older than three years, compared to R92 million in 2015/16.

This comes after Sanral on Tuesday appeared before the portfolio committee on transport to submit its integrated annual report.

The Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa) said that the state-owned entity was finding it extremely difficult to collect the Gauteng e-toll debt from motorists, with an increased loss for the 2016/17 year at just under R5bn.

According to Outa, this 2016/17 loss was up from the loss of R1.2bn Sanral posted last year, with the bulk of the loss of about R3.6bn arising from the toll operations.

Outa said the R3.6bn was the equivalent of 50% of all toll revenue, or the trade receivables, for the first 15 months of Gauteng e-toll operations and is substantially more than the prescribed debt.

Sanral has faced fierce resistance against e-tolling in Gauteng since the introduction of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project in December 2013.

However, Sanral chief executive Shkumbuzo Macozoma said that

reports that the agency had written off debt were "incorrect".

"Non-payment of toll fees is an offence and this does not prescribe.

"Sanral has repeatedly stated that it is making every attempt to collect the debt, in other words, enforce its claim. It would not be prudent to write this amount off until it becomes clear it is not collectible.

"Sanral made a provision in its assessment of collectability in its integrated report as required by International Accounting Standard 39. Additionally, subsequent measurement requires an assessment of possible loss events in order to further impair financial assets.

"Significant financial difficulty of a debtor and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators of impairment.

"Therefore, Sanral has not written off e-toll debt."

Macozoma said the low collection rate concerned the agency and that its board has requested the government to address the impact of the poor collection rate with the cabinet to ensure the agency's sustainability.

"We need to engage South Africans to avoid a situation where they resist tolling. There is a negative perception and resistance to tolling, and as a result we are not creating as many jobs as we would have loved to do." – ANA



Sanral has faced fierce resistance against e-tolling in Gauteng with motorists refusing to pay since the system went live in December 2013.

PICTURE: ANA ARCHIVES

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RUSTENBURG:

Police in Rustenburg have request members of the community to assist in tracing Gomolemo Karabo Haraba (14) of 47 Buiten Street, East End in Rustenburg.

Gomolemo is a learner at Rustenburg Technical High School. She was last seen in the afternoon on Friday (November 3 2017) while on her way home after school. She was reported missing to the police on Sunday, 05 November 2017.

At the time of going to print yesterday (Wednesday) police reported that she had not yet been found and request anyone with information that may lead to successful tracing of Gomolemo to contact the Investigating Officer, Detective Sergeant Ernest Modise on 060 967 3932 or 073 189. 9343.

For further enquiries people can contact Captain Elsabe Augoustides: 082 856 1190

Police offer reward for missing man

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Mahikeng Mail-Brits- The police in the province are offering a reward of up to R100 000, 00 to anyone who can assist with information that may lead to successful tracing of a 24-year-old Tebogo Ndlovu of Majakaneng near Brits.

Ndlovu was reported missing on Friday, 04 August 2017 at Mooinooi police station.

It was reported at that time that Ndlovu was allegedly shot by Matthew Benson after he and two other men were found stealing oranges on a farm on Wednesday, 2 August 2017. It is alleged that Ndlovu sustained a leg injury due to a gunshot. According to information, Ndlovu's companions tried to carry and run away with him from the farm. They allegedly left him upon realising that Benson was getting closer to them. Ndlovu

was never seen since that day and that led to registering of a missing person enquiry as well as attempted murder case for investigation.

Matthew Benson, 24, was eventually arrested and charged with attempted murder. He appeared in court again on Tuesday, 07 November 2017 after unsuccessful bail application. Anyone with information that can assist in tracing of Tebogo Ndlovu is urged to contact Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Tlhabi on 082 416 0767.

Community called to assist in tracing missing girl



Gomolemo Karabo Haraba who disappeared on Friday.

Stay safe, obey rules of the road

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By DESMOND BOSHEGO

MINISTER of Transport Joe Maswanganyi is worried about number of road crashes that have claimed many lives in the past two weeks.

Maswanganyi is concerned that many accidents happen because drivers ignore the rules of the road.

"Drunk driving continues to steal innocent lives on our roads," he said.

"Safety on the roads doesn't start with the department.

"It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that every individual on the road is safe.

"We must behave accordingly and respect each other."

He said they would continue working hard to ensure that they hold all

transgressors to account.

"This includes, among others, the implementation of the 24-hour shift for traffic officers to ensure high visibility and the passing of the Aarto Bill by the National Assembly.

"Anti-corruption operations will also be implemented to deal with organised crime and corruption by traffic officers and driving schools."

Maswanganyi said the department would continue to run the road safety campaign throughout the festive season.

"Through this campaign law enforcement operations and road safety education will be conducted."

Maswanganyi urged all road users to report reckless drivers to the traffic police.

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E-toll numbers just don't add up – Outa

DISPUTE: OVER REPORTED R3.6BN DEBT WRITE-OFF

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Yadhana Jadoo

The South African National Roads Agency Ltd (Sanral) has been accused of "misleading parliament" with regards to its figures on e-toll debt when it this week appeared before the portfolio committee on transport.

According to the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (Outa) – which has taken on Sanral for the hugely contested user-pay system – the numbers "just don't add up".

This week, reports indicated that Sanral had written off a staggering R3.6 billion in e-toll debt older than three years in the 2017 financial year, but would continue to recover unpaid bills.

Sanral has since disputed this, indicating otherwise.

According to the agency's CEO, Skhumbuzo Macozoma, Sanral "management's estimation and judgment when it assessed and calculated losses of e-toll debtors resulted in a R3.61 billion impairment or reduction of debtors".

"After the impairment, the outstanding debtors on e-toll is R5.185 billion. The agency reported e-toll collections at R1.862 billion and received an additional grant from the fiscus of R372.9 million," according to Sanral.

"Due to the subjectivity in calculating the impairment, the AGSA (auditor-general) considered this a key audit matter and performed specific audit procedures to determine the appropriateness of the allowance.

"The poor collection of e-tolls, however, does directly impact Sanral's going concern status and the AGSA indicated this as a mate-

THE TOLL ONE-TOLLS

Sanral throws in towel over e-toll debts older than **3 years**



Sanral 2017 annual report shows toll revenue up **6%** to **R4.9 billion**. Government chipped in with a grant of **R8.6 billion** to give total revenue for the year of **R13.9 billion**.

Graphic: Costa Mokoia

rial uncertainty.

"However, the agency receives direct government support in the form of allocations from the national budget as well as guarantees for the financial instruments that it uses to raise additional funds.

"Non-payment of toll fees is an offence and this does not pre-empt. Sanral has repeatedly stated that it is making every attempt

to collect the debt, in other words, enforce its claim.

"It would not be prudent to write this amount off until it becomes clear it is not collectible.

"Reports that the agency had written off debt were incorrect."

Outa chairperson Wayne Duvenage accused Sanral of a pathetic "spin rhetoric".

"Those guys know how to spin, but I think they are getting stupid with their spin. They are absolutely misleading parliament and the public when they say that they haven't written off e-toll debt – but they have raised an impairment of R3.6 billion which has impacted their profitability due directly to e-tolls," he said.

"So how can they say they haven't written it off? In other words, the debt might still sit there on the road user's account but from an accounting point of view, they have written it off as uncollectable. They are speaking with forked tongues."

Duvenage said he found it hard to understand how Sanral indicated it collected R1.8 billion in e-toll revenue when their own information in the financial year showed only R875 million in collections.

"Where is this coming from? They can't say they haven't written off the debt in the books and have accounted for it."

Duvenage added that there was also concern about Sanral's re-evaluation of assets.

"Sanral has for the last few years been revaluing its road network. And we are saying that re-evaluation should not take place in the way they have done it. You can only revalue assets on your balance sheet that are tradable – and roads aren't tradable.

"You can't lift the roads and sell them. It doesn't make sense. The big message is that the e-toll scheme has failed," he said.

"Sanral needs to be more transparent and provide a lot more clarity and detail as to what is happening within the organisation," he said. – yadhanaj@citizen.co.za



WAR CRY. Taxi drivers sing and dance during a march to the Union Buildings yesterday. Pictures: Jacques Nelles

'Fire arrogant minister'

TAXI STRIKE: DRIVERS WARN MASWANGANYI 'NOT TO PLAY GAMES'

→ **Calls for scrapping 'draconian' legislation and 'unworkable' re-capitalisation plan.**
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Rorisang Kgosana



MAKING A POINT. Taxi drivers on the way to deliver a memorandum to the department of transport yesterday.

Transport Minister Joe Maswanganyi was warned not to "play games" with the taxi industry and called to step down from office by hundreds of taxi drivers who marched to his office in Pretoria yesterday.

Led by the National Taxi Alliance (NTA), disgruntled taxi drivers halted operations across the city ahead of their protest action against Maswanganyi. They called for the minister to be fired as he was "arrogant".

"This minister and the department are out to serve friends and acquaintances only," NTA president Francis Masitsa told the drivers. "We are saying today, contrary to his constitutional mandate, the minister must be fired. The

business of ministers here in this department is always to attend dinners and ceremonies [and] to appear on TV, because they are conducting themselves and behaving like celebrities."

The taxi alliance was aggrieved by Maswanganyi's "arrogant" refusal to meet them after they addressed the portfolio committee in parliament to table issues facing the industry.

NTA spokesperson Theo Malele said they faced issues that includ-

ed the "unworkable" taxi recapitalisation programme and lack of subsidisation of the industry.

"Some of our grievances are about pieces of legislature that are not friendly to the transformation of the industry and the value chain to economically transform it," he said.

Their demands included the scrapping of the "draconian" Aarto [Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences] Act, which seeks to stop drivers from

renewing their licenses if they have outstanding fines, while also demanding an increase of the scrapping allowance of minibus taxis from R80 000 to R153 000.

"We are declaring war against Aarto. That Act is designed to destroy the industry," Masitsa said. "We are going to contest that Act in the highest court in this land. This act is designed to oppress the taxi operator and the taxi industry."

The marchers went to the Union Buildings, where they handed over a memorandum calling on President Jacob Zuma to intervene in the "contracted" killings in the industry.

"We have, in the past, submitted memorandums and said we wish for the president to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into taxi killings. Operators are being killed and nothing is done about that."

Despite fears strike action would affect matric pupils who were writing an English paper yesterday, less than 20 pupils were redirected to alternative exam venues.

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Outrage over missing girl

IRATE RESIDENTS TORCH THE HOMES OF ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS IN REVENGE

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RUSTENBURG residents vented their anger against increasing crime levels in the area and went on the rampage gutting three houses reportedly occupied by Nigerian nationals.

Residents said they were outraged by the criminal activity and demanded a clampdown.

The violence came in the wake of the disappearance of 14-year-old schoolgirl, Gomolemo Haraba, allegedly commissioned by drug lords in the area, police said.

Nigerian nationals were blamed for wrecking the lives of young people in Rustenburg's east end suburb, the police said.

Haraba was last seen on Friday on her way from school. Officials from the Rustenburg local municipality were seen hanging posters of the girl on street poles yesterday.

Angry residents went on the rampage on Tuesday and torched three houses which they claimed were "drug dens" occupied by Nigerians.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, some local people working at a pharmacy said the girl seemed to have been addicted to drugs as she would often buy pain killers.

"We suspect the pills were used in the concoctions that are killing our children," one resident said.

Magret Setuke said that they had complained to police and the municipality "but nothing was done to the alleged drug lords".

"The reason residents decided to torch the three houses is that girls in school uniform are always seen at these yards and there is no other explanation

except to say they are there for drugs," she said.

North West police spokesperson Brig Sabata Mokgwabone said it was not clear if the missing girl went off on her own or was abducted.

"At this stage we can confirm that the 14-year-old girl is indeed missing. It is not clear at this stage whether or not she was abducted.

"She was reported missing on Sunday. This is after she failed to come back home after school on Friday," Mokgwabone said.

He said the police were still looking for the girl and no one had been arrested at this stage.

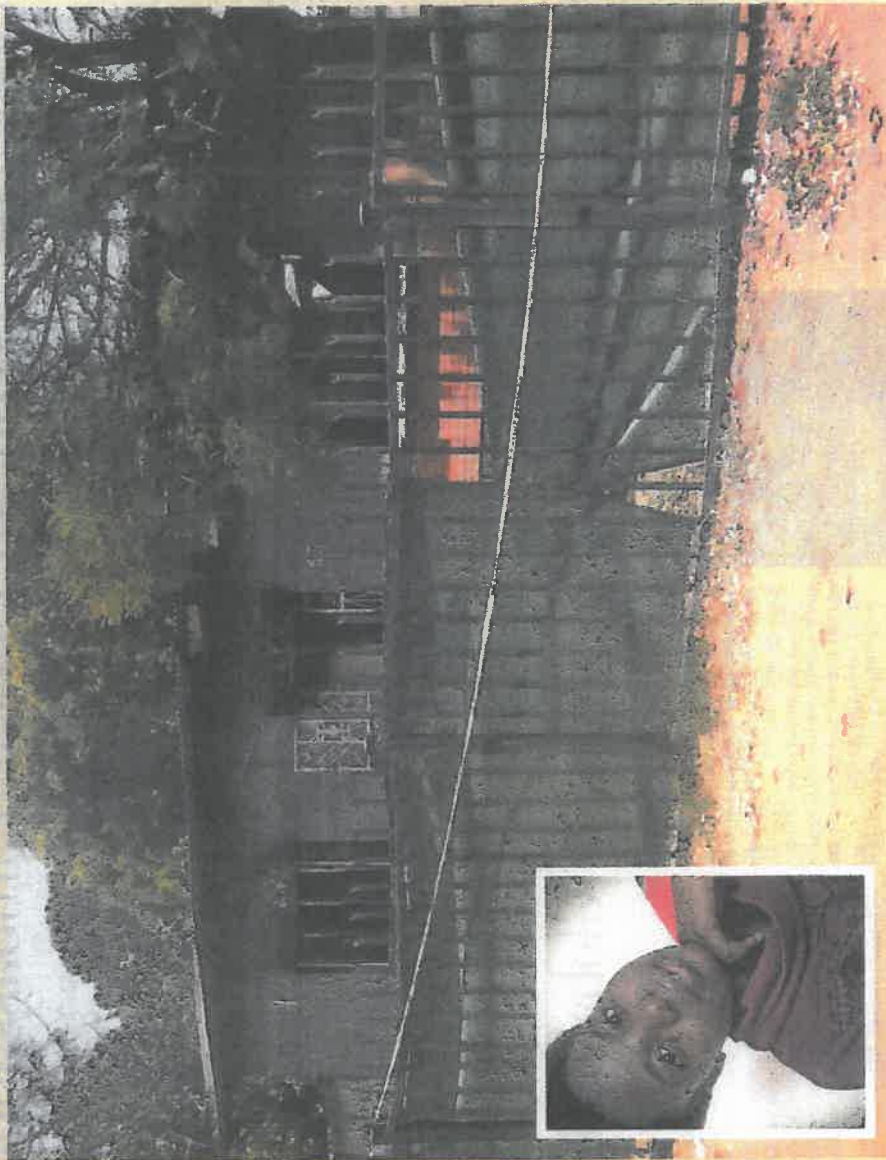
He also could not confirm whether those behind the girl's disappearance were Nigerian nationals or not.

It was not the first time that foreign nationals were alleged to have abducted young girls in North West townships.

However, Mokgwabone said police will leave no stone unturned to bring to book anyone found to be dealing in drugs. "Allegations of selling of drugs will be followed up. We are arresting people daily in possession and for dealing in drugs, not only in Rustenburg but also in other parts of the province," he said. An appeal has also been made for community members to assist in tracing Haraba.

"Gomolemo is a pupil at Rustenburg Technical High School. She was last seen in the afternoon on Friday November 3 on her way home after school. She was reported missing on Sunday, November 5.

The police request anyone with information that may lead to successful tracing of Haraba to contact the investigating officer, Det-Sgt Ernest Modise



DRUG DEN: A house which belongs to Nigerian nationals is suspected in the disappearance of an under-aged girl in Rustenburg. **INSET:** Gomolemo has not been seen since Friday.

on 060 967 8992 or 073 689 9843," Mokgwabone said. He further cautioned residents against taking law into their own hands saying they should desist from acting on impulse and rely on the police. "Members of the community that they will be dealt with harshly," he said.

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PHIYEGA BOUNCES BACK

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Police union hands lifeline to embattled former chief

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FORMER national police boss Riah Phiyega, pictured, is set to make a spectacular comeback as head of an anti-crime foundation linked to one of Cosatu's biggest affiliates, police union Popcru.

Phiyega, who is also a trustee in the SAPS medical aid scheme Polmed, will start her new role as the chief executive of the Safer South Africa Foundation later this month, its chairperson, Dr Tshenuwani Farisani, confirmed to Independent Media yesterday.

Farisani said Phiyega would replace Teeliso Thipanyane, who left the foundation earlier this year.

Phiyega was suspended by President Jacob Zuma in October 2015 after the findings of the commission of inquiry headed by retired judge Ian Farlam into the Marikana massacre were made public.

Her contract was not renewed in June after it ended, but Farisani appeared unfazed by Phiyega's past.

"We are aware of the challenges but when we scrutinised them, we found nothing that could prevent her from contributing to Safer South Africa Foundation," he said.

According to Farisani, the foundation worked with a wide range of stakeholders including the judiciary, police, correctional services, youth and communities to make the country a safe place for all citizens to live in, work and play. He said Phiyega was appointed because of her skills, experience and commitment.

Farisani said that as a pastor himself, he did not judge other people but gave them another chance.

"I love Riah Phiyega. She is a good woman. I think she will do a great job (at the foundation)," he said.

"If she makes a mistake, she is just like you and me."

Farisani said he was a victim of torture under apartheid but his tormentors and the murders of the hated regime had been forgiven. "We have forgiven those who have committed the worst crimes," he said.

The Safer South Africa Foundation was established in 2011 through a generous sponsorship by Popcru of a round-table gathering of academics, union officials, NGOs, business people, public servants and other senior government representatives.

Since its inception, it has been supported by the union's investment arm, the Popcru Group of Companies (PGC), whose interests are mainly in the financial services sector.

The foundation has been assisted by PGC to mobilise under-resourced communities and empower them to fight crime.

Popcru spokesperson Richard Mamabolo confirmed Phiyega's appointment as the foundation's new boss.

Mamabolo denied Phiyega was being handed a lifeline. He said no court has found her guilty of any-

thing and that she still had a lot to offer.

"We've always supported her and we're happy with the decision," Mamabolo said.

In September, trade union Solidarity complained about Phiyega's appointment as

a continuation representative of the police's medical aid scheme, Polmed.

Phiyega dismissed Solidarity, saying it lacked the necessary standing to demand her disqualification from being a Polmed member and trustee.

She said Solidarity had no explanation other than being "vitiating by ulterior, egregious and flagrant motives such as hatred for me or even racism".

Last year, Polmed trustees earned fees between R11 650 and R18 650 for sub-committee and board of trustees meetings.

Last month, Police Minister Fikile Mbalula denied that Phiyega was paid a retirement package.

"She was paid the normal service termination benefits," he said.

Some trustees attended up to 17 trustee and sub-committee meetings a year.

Phiyega has asked the high court in Pretoria to review and set aside Farlam's findings that she misled the commission and concealed information.

A subsequent board of inquiry into Phiyega's fitness to hold office, headed by retired Judge Neels Claassen, recommended that she be dismissed for her role in the Marikana massacre, which led to dozens of striking Lonmin mine-workers being shot dead by police officers. The former police boss also accuses Claassen of making irrational findings and wants them reviewed and set aside by the high court.

Phiyega did not respond to requests for comment yesterday.

