

# Cleaners, drivers celebrate MEC's 50th birthday

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CLEANERS and drivers working in the department of community safety and transport management's office in Makhikeng joined MEC Mpho Motlhabane's 50th birthday.

The head of the department, Botliale Motokeng, was also at the party.

They all united in wishing Motlhabane a happy birthday.

The officials worked together to prepare the surprise party for Motlhabane.

To his surprise, Motlhabane was taken aback as officials sang for him the moment he stepped into the office.

Motlhabane said: "My schedule is always tight and I sometimes completely forget about my birthday date, my wife's, kids' and family members' birthdays. But I am thankful that my wife is the one

who always reminds me about my birthday, others' birthdays and anniversaries.

"It is quite disappointing since it was only my grandmother who had a special gift of remembering everyone else's birthday, including those of her great-grandchildren and grandparent's birthdays. Unfortunately didn't pass that gift to me as I'm not sharp at memorising birthdays."

Motlhabane expressed his appreciation to the organisers of his birthday. He had a special word for drivers and cleaners.

"The department's drivers, whose responsibility is to transport us and goods to different destinations, sometimes work under unbearable conditions but they always make sure that we and the goods arrive safely and on time.

"The cleaners too have an important role that is often undermined, as they keep our offices clean and maintain healthy and

hygienic standards in our buildings all the time," he said.

Motlhabane continued to advocate that drivers and the cleaning personnel needed to be considered favourably when managers dealt with performance bonuses.

He said these were the people who held no high ranks or positions at work but were very valuable in our daily lives as they made our jobs much easier and made us deliver services on time.

"I thank all the officials for their heartfelt birthday messages, calls and jovial expressions. I am equally grateful to those who made my day special by preparing this surprise party for me.

"I believe God will bless me with many more years in order to allow me to serve the people of Bokone Bophirima," Motlhabane said, after listening to several messages of best wishes from officials.

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**BIRTHDAY:** Mpho Motlhabane celebrated with the department's cleaners and drivers.

# Seven arrested for car theft

**Mahikeng Mail-Lomanyaneng.** On September 26, Mahikeng SAPS arrested seven suspects for Car Theft of a BMW X3. They were all charged and brought to court, but the case was withdrawn against six. The seventh suspect, 29-year-old Dante (Abel) Heymans was remanded in Mahikeng Police Custody for further investigation and is expected to appear in court on October 6 (tomorrow).

Meanwhile a case docket has been opened against Dr Dingun / Prophet Mukisa, a well known herbalist in town. According to information, Prophet Mukisa agreed to buy the vehicle from the complainant at R90 000, but only paid R66 400. After he failed to keep to this agreement, the complainant went to Prophet Mukisa's residence several times in an attempt to collect the said BMW X3, but the herbalist is nowhere to be found. Case dockets have been registered and investigation continues.

# TNA Pg 1 5/10/17 SAPS (NW) Pos Three arrested in bank card bust

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REE, people aged 29 to 49, were arrested in what North West police believe is a bust of a bank card syndicate.

The trio were arrested in Taung's central business district (CBD) for possession of suspected stolen property in theft.

Police spokesperson Lt-Col Palomoni ka said the arrests came after an intensive investigation into the syndicate that is operating around the town West, Free State and Northern provinces.

The suspects were found in possession of a number of bank cards.

from different banks. The suspects would follow unsuspecting victims from inside the banks after a substantial amount of cash was withdrawn.

"In some instances they would target victims at ATMs pretending to be of assistance to them and then swap the victim's bank cards while at the same time checking on the victim's personal identification number (PIN)," she said.

Makau said it is advisable for residents not to allow any person to assist them at ATMs except employees of the bank or a person they trust.

"People are warned not to use an ATM if they feel uncomfortable about

the people around them and not to allow other people in the queue to stand close to them.

"Investigation done so far shows that victims might be from the areas of Taung, Vryburg, Schweizer-Renneke, Jan Kempdorp, Hartswater, Pudu-mo, Christians, Odendaalsrus and Hertzogville.

"Anyone who might have been a victim of this scam is advised to contact Det WO Kagiso Phemelo, for more information on 082 469 0329," she said.

All three suspects are expected to appear in the Taung Magistrate's Court today.

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# TNA Pg 1 5/10/17 SAPS (NW) Pos Police on mall alert

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AS THE festive season approaches police will be out in full force to deal with mall robberies.

This comes as two suspects were arrested while attempting to rob a shop at a mall. According to the police the pair were part of a group of six suspects believed to be responsible for serious and violent crimes, especially mall robberies.

"The arrest of these suspects may solve several cases involving mall robberies. They will be charged with attempted armed robbery and possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition," police spokesperson Col Lungelo Dlamini said.

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# Mahikeng SAPS raid Small Street

**MAHIKENG MAIL-MAHIKENG:** Last week, Mahikeng SAPS under the command of Lt Col Wood, conducted an Operation in collaboration with members of Mahikeng Local Municipality, Mahikeng CPF, Municipal Street Patrols, Home Affairs, WTTs Security, Traffic, Immigration, Disaster Unit, Dog Unit, and Mahikeng SAPS Detectives to raid Small Street (between Tillard Street and Martin Street) in an attempt to decrease crime in the CBD of Mahikeng.

The SAPS had a successful operation by inspecting businesses and properties for any hazardous conditions, drugs and stolen goods. No exception was made as clients and customers were searched during the raid.

Foreign nationals who were unable to produce their necessary documents were apprehended and brought to the station for interrogations by Home Affairs and Immigration. A total of 12 undocumented foreign nationals were remained in custody.

