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Six arrested with illegal guns

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SIX people were arrested for the possession of unlicensed guns in Zeerust and Klerksdorp at the weekend.

Lt-Col Adèle Myburgh said the arrests in Zeerust followed an intelligence driven initiative.

“A crime intelligence driven operation by Zeerust K9 and Motswedi detectives led to the apprehension of three suspects between the ages of 20 and 35 at Dinokana village near Zeerust and Morokweng village after being found in possession of illegal firearms.”

“Myburgh said preliminary investigations showed two rifles found were linked to a Lichtenburg case of residential burglary which occurred in September.”

During that burglary three rifles were reported stolen.

“The third suspect is linked to a

business robbery that was reported at Motswedi police station early this month,” she said.

In a separate incident, the Klerksdorp trio task team arrested three people aged between 22 and 45 and recovered a shotgun in Ikageng location outside Potchefstroom.

“Further investigations led the police to the owner of the firearm, who was on a holiday and not even aware that his house in the vicinity of Potchefstroom was broken into and his firearm stolen,” Myburgh said.

The three accused will appear in the Potchefstroom Magistrate’s Court on charges of illegal possession of a firearm.

Provincial police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane commended police teams for their hard work.

Motsenyane said that the recovery of the firearms is something positive towards the reduction of crime.



BUST: Police arrested six people for possession of unlicensed firearms. PICTURE: HERBERT MATIMBA

“Firearm owners should be reminded that they ought to ensure their firearms are kept safe at all times to comply with the provisions of the Firearms Control Act, 2000.”

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