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State opposes farmers' bail

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WHEN Warrant Officer Jeremiah Modisane arrived at the scene where Faki Mosweu (17) died, he found him lying face down, bleeding from his ears.

Modisane was the second witness in the case against farmers Pieter Doorewaard and Phillip Schutte, who have been charged with Mosweu's murder.

The State has opposed bail.

Modisane confirmed what Brigadier Clifford Kgorane had said about the suspects refusing to go with cops to the crime scene where they claimed the boy had jumped from a moving bakkie.

Kgorane told the court the post-mortem was complete and only a written report was pending.

Defence lawyer Advocate Henrie du Plessis argued that the suspects left the injured Mosweu with passers-by so they could go seek help from cops.

Kgorane said they were not supposed to leave or remove the bakkie as it was part of the crime scene.

Du Plessis argued that a second boy ran away and was not pursued. He said the suspects planned to hand over the boys to the police for stealing sunflowers.

The hearing was postponed to Friday. Faki died on 20 April and his death caused massive protests.

He will be buried on Sunday.

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THE bail hearing for two men charged with the murder of a 16-year-old boy in Coligny was postponed to Friday this week.

Phillip Schutte, 27, and Pieter Doorewaard, 34, face a murder charge after they allegedly threw Matlhomola Mosweu off a moving vehicle. The boy died from his injuries. Allegations are that Matlhomola picked sunflowers on a farm where the two are employed.

Residents in Coligny protested, looted shops and burnt houses days after the boy's death as they wanted the two accused arrested.

A group of white people on the other hand signed a petition where they called for the release of the two, arguing that they were first-time offenders. The petition has been heavily criticised for its insensitive nature to the bereaved family, the community and the law.

Yesterday, witnesses gave evidence and were cross-examined by both the defence and state. State witness Clifford

Matome Kgorane, who is also part of the investigating team, was the first to take to the stand and was cross-examined after he testified on Tuesday.

Kgorane said a witness had pointed out the two accused as the people responsible for Matlhomola's death. He said a witness said one man was driving and another was seated at the back who threw the teen out. Kgorane also argued that the community protest was sparked by the teen's death, not service delivery as some wanted to believe.

WO Jeremiah Moremi Modisane from Coligny police testified that the accused approached him about the death of the boy and left their contact details.

He also testified how he found the boy lying on his face and bleeding from his face and ears. The state said it would not have more witnesses to call and it remains to be seen if the defence wants to bring other witnesses.

The court will resume on Friday when the magistrate is expected to rule on the bail application.

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Truck torched in Brits

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A TRUCK was set alight by protesters in Bapong near Brits, North West police said yesterday.

Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said the truck was torched on Tuesday during a protest related to unemployment.

He said the road linking Sun City and Pretoria was barricaded with burning tyres, but has since been opened.

The Sonop Road linking Bapong and Brits was also blocked. - ANA

Coligny trial on hold

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THE bail hearing of two North West farmers - Pieter Doorewaard, 26, and Phillip Schutte, 34 - accused of murdering a teenage boy was yesterday postponed in the Coligny Magistrate's Court until tomorrow.

Two State witnesses have testified about the violent protest they claimed was triggered by the death of Matlhomola Jonas Mosweu, 17, who died on April 20 about 3km from Coligny.

Warrant Officer Moremi Modisane testified he found the teen in a pool of blood. The accused told police they loaded him into the back of their van after he was caught stealing sunflowers but he jumped out of the moving van. - ANA

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Duo remanded in custody

Mahikeng Mail-Mahikeng- Two accused, Matlhomola Nobeza (39) and Moses Mabunda (29) were remanded in custody until Thursday (today) after appearing before the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court last Friday.

The suspects' court appearance came after their apprehension by the Provincial Tracking Team in Magogoe Tar village on April 26 during a crime intelligence driven operation. Following a thorough investigation, the accused were positively linked with a case of theft committed at Mosiane View village outside Mahikeng where aluminium window frames were stolen earlier this month. The duo then led the police to a place in Magogoe Tar village where they allegedly sold the goods. The police

found various goods there including aluminium window frames, cutlery, vehicle parts, tyres, pairs of shoes, liquor, clothes and infant formula worth more than R1 million. The owner of the place escaped arrest by running away. Some of the goods have been positively identified by owners. The North West Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane commended the police for their cooperation that led to discovery of the goods. She said that the arrest will definitely result in solving of property and trio crimes in the area.

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SAPS new anti-corruption strategy

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AS PART of cleaning up its image, the South African Police Service has a new policy requiring members to immediately report misconduct by colleagues.

In addition, the National Council of Provinces select committee on security and justice yesterday heard that SAPS has established an integrity unit to develop a framework on how to deal with corruption within the service. This unit will also impart what is meant by ethics and values to SAPS members.

In its presentation yesterday, SAPS said being suspended without pay was no longer an option for members.

It also said disciplinary matters would have to be completed in 90 days.

Explaining the new approach, the presentation said the SAPS has introduced a new attitude that placed the onus on members to report any transgressions committed by a colleague or supervisor.

Officers must also report any acts of misconduct committed in their presence.

Forms of misconduct that warranted an expeditious disciplinary process are bribery, corruption, fraud, theft, rape and sexual harassment.

This list also includes any act that



INTEGRITY: SAPS's new anti-corruption unit will police the police. PICTURE: B MCHUNU

might detrimentally affect the image of the SAPS or brought the police into disrepute or involved an element of dishonesty.

According to the presentation, compensation was a prominent element in all protection and security functions, which were provided to all identified dignitaries and government officials. The VIP Protection Service protected the president, deputy president, former presidents, their spouses and other dignitaries while in transit.

New Police Minister Fikile Mbalula was supposed to have been at the meeting. However, according to his deputy Bongani Mkongi he was absent because

he was in Elsies River township where there had been fatalities after a gun fight involving gangsters.

"Maybe he has been stuck there. He called me to let me cover for him here now because of the unfortunate circumstances," Mkongi said.

Introducing the SAPS performance plan, he stressed he and Mbalula had been brought into the police department at the end of March when the plan had already been drawn up. However, they fully supported the SAPS strategy.

Mkongi said the programme of action would reduce crime and make South Africans feel safer than ever.

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Concern over farm attacks

Early year spike has police worried

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Acting police commissioner Khomotso Phahlane is concerned at the rate of farm incidents, where police have seen a spike in farm murders.

He said police have had a "bad quarter", with hundreds of incidents reported in the first few months of this year.

Phahlane and his management were briefing the police portfolio committee on the police's annual performance and programmes like visible policing and the detective services.

"We are not happy with the current situation around farm attacks and farm murders. While the number of incidents have decreased, in the 2015/2016 financial year we had 457 incidents of farm attacks in smallholdings. Unfortunately, 50 people were murdered during that period," said Phahlane.

He said in February, they had a number of attacks which made the murder figure go up even higher.

"We had 395 incidents, farm attacks and so on, which shows that the number of incidents went down, but the murders increased from 50 to 64, which we will agree it's an area that must continue to draw our attention," said Phahlane.

Freedom Front Plus MP Pieter Groenewald made mention of a stock theft incident where 14 cattle were hacked to death.

Groenewald had told parliament earlier that farm murders could not be ignored and that black people were also victims, although whites made up the majority.

"It goes closer to stock theft when we presented our statistics. The stock theft, just like your trio crimes and so on, continues to be on the increase. So, that analysis is helping us in directing our focus to specific areas where we realise that the situation is not normalising," said Phahlane.