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Six held for farm murder

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SIX people have been arrested for murder, attempted murder and house robbery following an attack on a farm in Sannieshof in the Tswaing local municipality last week.

Provincial police spokesperson Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said the six were arrested in Sannieshof and Ottosdal on Thursday.

Barend Greyling, 59, was with his 57-year-old wife, Marlette, and 87-year-old mother, Magdaleen, at home on Leeukuil farm last Tuesday when an unknown number of people broke a window and gained

entry into the house.

"They shot the Greylings. The husband died on the scene while his wife sustained serious injuries.

"The suspects then robbed the victims of their three cellphones and fled the scene in the couple's white Isuzu double cab bakkie, which was found abandoned in Ottosdal hours later," Moleko said.

Magdaleen hid under a table in another part of the house and was not injured.

"The suspects, aged 27 to 38, will appear in court today," Moleko said.

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Police got their goat in minutes

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THERE was drama on the N18 highway near Taung as police chased after a vehicle to recover a stolen goat.

This came after police in Pudimoe, near Taung, reacted swiftly to a complaint that three men had stolen a goat.

The three men were apprehended minutes after they allegedly loaded a live goat into a VW Citi Golf they were driving.

North West police spokesperson Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said: "According to information, police officers received a phone call that three males driving in a green Volkswagen Citi Golf were seen loading a goat into their vehicle at Sedibeng village near Pudimoe.

"They reacted swiftly and waited for the suspects along the highway.

"The suspects' vehicle drove past shortly afterwards and a car chase ensued.

"The police managed to apprehend the suspects on the N18 highway near the Maganeng village offramp.

"The goat was found inside the suspects' vehicle and handed back to the owner," she said.

Moleko said a case of stock theft was opened and the men, aged 35, 37 and 38, were arrested.

"The three men are expected to appear in the Taung Magistrate's Court today," she said.

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Lengthy jail

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terms welcomed

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TWO men received a combined jail term of 179 years after they were convicted for a spate of crimes in two separate trials in the province.

Police management in the province welcomed the lengthy jail terms and expressed hope that the sentences would deter would-be criminals.

In the first case, Tshidiso Robert Radabe, 37, was sentenced to 129 years imprisonment by the North West High Court sitting in Klerksdorp.

He was convicted on 17 counts of crime that included murder, rape, robbery, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, abduction, arson and attempted rape.

The crimes were committed in a four-day terror reign between April 19 and 22 last year. They all happened at Regina farms near Orkney.

"The accused initially raped his girlfriend's 15-year-old daughter in the bushes after threatening her with a knife. He then went with the victim to another farm where he raped the girl again," North West police spokesperson Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said.

"He tied her up with rope in the morning and went outside. He came back later and found that the girl had untied herself. The accused then went to another farm. While on the way he met two women and assaulted one of them with a knobkerrie and forced the other to accompany him. He ran away after the woman screamed for help when they saw a cattle herder," she said.

Moleko said upon his arrival on the farm, he assaulted a man with a knobkerrie and raped his wife and forced her to accompany him.

"He went to another farm

where he also assaulted his girlfriend's brother with a knobkerrie and ultimately killed him and burnt his body. He proceeded to a farm where he had previously worked in Free State where he tied up the woman who he had forced to accompany him in a storeroom. The accused then fled when he saw the farmer and the police, who rescued the woman.

"He was arrested on a farm in the Leeudoringstad area on April 23 last year following an intensive manhunt by various police units. The accused has been in custody until his sentencing," Moleko said.

In the second case, 35-year-old Philip Seun Booysen was sentenced to 50 years imprisonment by the North West High Court in Klerksdorp.

Booyesen faced charges of murder, rape, arson, robbery with aggravating circumstances and kidnapping committed in January last year in Utlwanang Township in Christiana.

"At the time of the incident, the accused had a quarrel with his 37-year-old friend and he hit the victim on the head with home-made weight lifting equipment until he died. The victim was with his girlfriend when the incident happened and the accused attacked and raped her. He then set the victim's shack alight. The accused remained in custody until he was convicted," Moleko said.

North West police commissioner Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane said she appreciated the efforts of the investigation teams in both cases.

Motswenyane hailed those involved in the prosecution of the two cases saying their sterling efforts ensured "the merciless accused got long jail terms".

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