

Two motorists die in horror crash near Rustenburg



TRAGEDY: Rescue workers use the jaws of life to retrieve the bodies of two motorists who died in an head-on collision near Rustenburg.

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A POLICE officer and another motorist died after their vehicles collided head on along the N4 near Rustenburg on Saturday night.

The high-impact collision left both drivers trapped in their badly damaged vehicles and jaws of life had to be used to free their bodies.

The woman police officer was identified as Lt-Col Molate, 58, while the other deceased was identified just as Rasibitsi. He was 32 years old.

Rustenburg police said the cause of the accident was not known and investigations are ongoing.

“It is reported that the deceased police officer was on duty and returning to Rustenburg from Potchefstroom

after attending a work-related meeting when her car collided head-on with that of Rasibitsi’s.

“Families of the deceased have been informed and they already came to the accident scene,” the police said.

Community safety and transport management MEC Mpho Motlhabane said that he was distraught when he learnt about the accident.

“I’m pleading with motorists to always drive carefully and re at all times.

“Our hearts are sore as y tragic accident hit the pro took two lives. We have l enforcement officer at a time try needed her the most,” h

Both deceased are said to Rustenburg.

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In court for attempted murder

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A MAN will appear in the Brits Magistrate's Court today on a charge of attempted murder.

The 24-year-old man was arrested for allegedly shooting at Tebogo Ndlovu and two other men from Majakaneng village on August 2.

Ndlovu, who has been missing since the incident, was allegedly stealing oranges together with two other men who fled after the accused opened fire.

Police arrested the man on Saturday following a thorough investigation into the case. Residents of Majakaneng went on the rampage demanding the man

disclosed the whereabouts of Ndlovu.

A number of vehicles were set alight while the N4, R104 and R566 roads were temporarily closed during the violent skirmishes.

"The suspect shot at Ndlovu on one of the farms in the vicinity of Mooinooi," North West police spokesperson Brig Sabata Mokgwabone said.

"It appears that Ndlovu was injured and his companions left him and ran away. Tebogo was never seen again," he said.

Community safety MEC Mpho Motlhabane welcomed the arrest of the man and said he wanted to see justice served.

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Man shot: farmer held

A FARMER, 24, has been arrested in connection with the disappearance of a man in Majakaneng near Brits.

He will appear in the Brits Magistrate's Court on a charge of attempted murder today, Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said.

The suspect was arrested on Saturday following an intensive probe into the alleged attempted murder of Tebogo Ndlovu, 24.

"The suspect allegedly shot Ndlovu on August 2 on a farm in the vicinity of Mooinooi. At the time Tebogo and two other men were allegedly stealing oranges.

Ndlovu was apparently wounded and his two companions fled. He has not been seen since. — ANA

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Hefty sentence for serial rapist welcomed

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NORTH West police commissioner, Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane has welcomed a life sentence and additional 62 years handed down to a man convicted for multiple cases of rape.

The North West High Court slapped the 22 year old with the hefty sentence on Friday.

The man is said to have committed the crimes from 2013 to 2015 in areas around Ottosdal, near Lichtenburg.

Besides his conviction on numerous cases of rape, the accused was found to have committed several cases of robbery during the same period. Motswenyane said she was happy for the accused to languish in jail for the crimes that he committed. She said the accused raped and robbed five women aged between 18 and 37.

Provincial police spokesperson, Lt-Col Amanda Funani said: "The victims included the accused's cousin who was the last woman to be raped in December 2015."

She said the long arm of the law caught up with the accused when police in Ottosdal nabbed him on January 5, last year.

"It was during the investigation that he was linked through DNA to four other cases," Funani said.

Police management lauded the Lichtenburg police's family violence, child protection and sexual offences unit for a sterling job done.

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