

Phakiso waits for justice

By MOHANOE KHIBA

COPS have been accused of dragging their feet in investigating one of their own.

A top cop stationed in Khuma near Stilfontein in North West allegedly caused an accident on 12 August while driving a police car.

The other party in the accident, Phakiso Mphahlo, told *Daily Sun* he was driving a Nissan 1 Tonner bakkie on a straight road, passing a T-junction, when a policewoman driving an unmarked Nissan Hardbody failed to stop. He said

her car T-boned his bakkie, injuring him.

"I work in the timber industry," he said. "I was helped by my client to buy the bakkie so we could work together and now it's damaged. I want the police to fix my bakkie and investigate the case.

"If it was me who was wrong, I would have been arrested."

Cops said they were investigating a case of reckless and negligent driving against their officer and she would face an internal disciplinary hearing.

Lieutenant-Colonel Amanda Funani said internal investigations would determine whether the cop was under the influence of liquor or in the wrong.



Phakiso Mphahlo shows his injured shoulder after the accident. Photo by Mohanoë Khiba

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Man in court for illicit gun

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A 35-YEAR-OLD man will be arraigned in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court today to face charges of illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The man was arrested in Boitekong township, on the outskirts of Rustenburg on Sunday.

North West police spokesperson, Lt-Col Amanda Funani said the arrest was a major step in the fight against illegal proliferation of firearms and ammunition. "The suspect's arrest came after the police who were on routine duties spotted and stopped a suspicious vehicle with Gauteng registration number at Sondela Informal Settlement in Boitekong near Rustenburg," she said.

Funani said it was during the search that police found a 9mm pistol with magazine and three rounds of ammunition.

"The suspect was arrested after failing to account for the possession," she said.

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Lawyer says man's 'still alive'



Tebogo's mum, Marta Ndlovu, says she wants her son. Photo by Dulile Sowaga

By DULILE SOWAGA

THE lawyer for the farmer at Majakaneng, near Brits, North West, who is appearing on a charge of attempted murder following the disappearance of Tebogo Ndlovu, said Tebogo is alive.

Jeff Moyo, for Mathew Benson (24), said this outside the Brits Magistrates Court yesterday.

Tebogo was allegedly shot at by Benson after he allegedly stole oranges from the farm in Mooinooi on 2 August. His friends left him lying on the ground and ran away. When they came back he was not there and has allegedly not been seen till this day.

The shooting and Tebogo's disappearance led to a week-long violent protest in Majakaneng.

Benson was arrested on Saturday and appeared in court yesterday.

Moyo argued that Benson had worked with cops and said each time he was called or visited by cops he co-operated.

The case was postponed to Friday.

Tebogo's mum, Marta Ndlovu, said she wanted her son - dead or alive. Provincial police spokesman, Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, said they have a strong case, but refused

to answer Moyo's claims that Tebogo is alive.



NW farmer remanded in custody

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A NORTH West farmer facing an attempted murder charge was remanded in custody after he appeared in the Brits Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Matthew Benson, 24, is the son of a farmer in Mooinooi near Brits.

He allegedly shot Tebogo Ndlovu, 24, on August 2 and the victim has not

been seen since that day.

Ndlovu and two other men from Majakaneng village, were allegedly stealing oranges at the time Benson allegedly shot at them.

The other two friends managed to escape but Ndlovu, who is believed to have been hit was left behind and has been missing since.

A blood spatter is said to have been

found during investigations and is part of the ongoing probe into the case.

Police arrested Benson on Saturday following thorough investigations into the case.

Residents of Majakaneng went on the rampage demanding that the farm owner disclose the whereabouts of Ndlovu.

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Bail denied for alleged shooter of 'orange thief'

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Ndlovu has still not been found since incident

By **Bafana Nzimande**

The 24 year old accused of attempted murder, which is linked to the disappearance of North West man Tebogo Ndlovu will spend four more days in custody before he can apply for bail.

Matthew Benson appeared in the Brits Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Benson is accused of shooting Ndlovu on August 2.

Ndlovu and his two friends were allegedly stealing oranges from a farm owned by Benson's parents on the day of the alleged shooting.

Benson was arrested on September 16 following over four weeks of police investigation.

Benson's lawyer Jeff Moyo yesterday told the court his team was ready to proceed with the matter and asked the court to release his client on bail after the state asked for a postponement to better prepare as more charges might be added against the



Tebogo Ndlovu has been missing since last month.

accused.

"The accused has been interviewed by the police seven times. He has shown that he is interested in helping the police solve this matter. He has provided two addresses. He does not have a criminal record or a pending case against him.

"I know that the state has that opportunity to request for a postponement for further investigation, but in this instance it's unfair for the accused because he has been complying with the law," said Moyo.

Moyo's request was not approved, and the matter was postponed to September 22

for a formal bail application.

The accused will be kept at Mooi-nooi police station until his next appearance.

The Ndlovu family, a large group of Majakaneng residents, members of the EFF, Sanco and Cosatu attending the hearing were not pleased with Benson's request for bail.

Cosatu North West secretary Job Dliiso said the union will mobilise its members to ensure the suspect remains in jail.

"We want to appeal to the NPA to investigate this matter thoroughly. This is one of the matters of racism. We want to see the suspect being charged and rot in jail. It's painful for the Ndlovu family.

"Now it's a month and two weeks without knowing where their child is," said

Dliiso outside court.

The Benson family and a group of local farmers were also in court to support the accused. Benson's mother and his girlfriend shed a few tears outside court after he had appeared.

"I don't have a place to go. Our home has been destroyed. We live in-between relatives, but I know that my son is innocent," said Benson's mother outside court.

Ndlovu's disappearance sparked violent protests as Majakaneng residents blocked several major routes, including the N4, R104 and R566, last month. Protesters burned five vehicles and two people were arrested for public violence during the unrest, but charges against the pair have been dropped.

Majakaneng residents marched to the local police station on August 23 demanding information leading to Ndlovu's whereabouts.

Mpho Boikanyo from the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) was also in court.

She said SAHRC appealed to all affected parties to give the court an opportunity to deal with this case. - Times-LIVE

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