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One shot, five men held for burglary

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ONE person was shot dead while five others were arrested in Rustenburg after they were spotted burgling a vehicle spare parts outlet on Tuesday night.

Reports are that seven people were involved in the incident but one managed to evade arrest.

Police spokesperson Lit-Col Pelonomi Makau said the incident happened at 10pm.

"The arrest of the five came after the police acted on a tip-off that the suspects were committing a burglary at a car parts sales outlet at the Rustenburg CBD," Makau said.

"The suspects were seen leaving the place in a white Toyota Quantum.

"Information available at this stage said it appeared that upon seeing the police, they shot at them. Police returned fire and one of the suspects, aged 25, was fatally wounded."

The other five aged 27 to 32 were

arrested on the scene.

They are expected to appear in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court facing charges of business burglary, attempted murder, possession of unlawful firearms and possession of suspected stolen goods today.

"We would like to say that contrary to social media reports, the person who was fatally wounded during the incident, was not a taxi driver," Makau said.

In another unrelated incident in Rustenburg, a Nigerian foreign national was attacked by unknown people on Wednesday at 11am, while he was at his hair salon.

"The attackers poured petrol on him and stabbed him with a knife in the shoulder.

"Despite being attacked with bottles, the police managed to rescue the victim before he was set alight.

"No one has been arrested and investigations into the matter continue," Makau said.

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TIP-OFF: A suspect was shot dead by police after a burglary in the Rustenburg CBD. PICTURE: HERBERT MATIMBA

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Teacher accused of sexual assault

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KLERKSDORP police in the North West are investigating three cases of sexual assault against a primary school teacher.

Some 30 pupils allegedly told their parents that the grade 4 teacher touched them indecently on their private parts.

He allegedly also hugged them and held them very close while pressing against their breasts for some time.

Daily Sun has learnt that some



parents went to Klerksdorp Primary School to complain, thus paving the way for more pupils to come forward with similar allegations. One parent told Daily Sun her daughter told her what the teacher

opened to her school friend.

"When I asked her if she'd experienced the same thing she said she was also a victim. She said she once asked the teacher for permission to go to the bathroom.

"She said he told her he wanted to accompany her and that he'd hugged her strangely and touched her buttocks," said the parent. The parents want the teacher to be fired.

Elias Malindi, acting provincial education department spokesman, said the teacher had been placed on special leave while the labour relations unit investigated the matter with a view to preparing a disciplinary hearing.

Police spokesman Colonel Pelonomi Makau said they were investigating three cases of sexual