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# Arrests made for illegal firearms

**MAHIKENG MAIL- MAHIKENG:** Two arrests were made for illegal possession of firearms at Lomanyaneng and Majemantsho village respectively.

The first arrest was of a 21 year old male who had stolen his father's firearm from a safe at their home situated in Dobsonville. His father tipped off Lomanyaneng Police concerning his whereabouts in Lomanyaneng where he was apprehended. The suspect and the firearm have been handed to Dobsonville police for further investigation.

Further arrests were also made of two minors aged 16 and 17, after it was reported on June 20 that one of them was seen handling a firearm at a shop in Majemantsho village on June 19. The prime suspect indicated that he was given the firearm by the other suspect.

They were both arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm and placed in custody of their parents. The firearm was circulated and reported stolen on March 31 after a housebreaking.



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# School to represent province in safety debate

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A SCHOOL from Setlagole near Mahikeng will represent the province at the national leg of the Road Safety Schools Debate.

Five pupils from Onkabetse Thuto Secondary School outclassed three other schools at the provincial championships held in Dr Kenneth Kaunda district.

Four schools from each of the province's district were vying for honours after winning in their respective areas.

Tiger Kloof High School from Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti district came second while Tiragalo and Loane secondary schools were third and fourth respectively.

In the category of pupils with disability, Tlamelang Special School from Gelukspan pipped Christiana School for the Blind to proceed to the national round.

Speaking after the provincial championships, community safety and transport management chief director for transport regulation Molefi Morule congratulated the

two champion teams and wished them well for the upcoming national competition.

"You have elevated the level of this competition and we are looking forward for more than this performance at the national debate to ensure that the national championship remains in our province," Morule said.

He further said the debate was critical as it had a role to play in advocating and networking with their peers on the Global Plan of Road Safety which focuses on road safety management across the world.

"It is through programmes like these where as a province we work towards empowering future generations towards creating safer roads and further reduce the death toll on our roads.

"All of you here are ambassadors of road safety and you must continue to educate community members and your fellow pupils about road safety and by working together we can make change in our communities and schools," Morule said.

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**SAFETY AMBASSADORS:** Pupils from Onkabetse Thuto Secondary School.



## Crime fighting partnerships gain momentum

**MAHIKENG MAIL – MAHIKENG:** The implementation of 10 by 10 campaigns continues to strengthen the partnership on the fight against crime in the Bokone Bophirima Province.

This became evident during the recent programme at the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District where the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management lined-up activities to ensure multi-stakeholder participation. The programme is intended to become a vehicle through which the state closes a social distance and communication gaps between government, Non Government Organisations (NGO's), Non Profit Organisations (NPO's), and the communities at large. In one of the activities, the Department held a meeting at the Ventersdorp Police Station with NGO's, NPO's and Community Policing Forums (CPF's), to discuss ways of working together in an integrated manner to fight crime including funding models available in the security sectors, specifically dedicated to efforts geared towards the drastic reduction of crime in general.

Expressing his sentiments about the attendance of stakeholders in all activities scheduled, the Departmental MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane said it was exciting to see communities coming forth to work with government wilfully in fighting the scourge of crime. "What excites us more is that we are starting to see even more men coming forth to fight domestic violence

and all elements of crime within our communities. Men are usually perpetrators. Now having more men coming forth with registered structures and being prepared to stand up against this scourge says to us as the Provincial Government that we are indeed moving in the right direction. This is a positive sign that we will win this fight against crime," said Motlhabane. To date the Department has already signed contracts with patrollers in different local municipalities where the department will recruit at least 100 patrollers per district. The engagements and consultations were continuing in other communities through these 10 by 10 campaigns in order to finalise the first implementation stage of signing con-

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# Rapist gets hefty sentence

**Mahikeng Mail-Itsoseng-** On July 3, the Itsoseng Regional Court did not hesitate to sentence 38-year-old Abram Mosete to a life imprisonment for rape, as well as 22 months for other charges.

Mosete's sentencing follows his arrest by police in Itsoseng and subsequent trial for offences committed in 2013. They include malicious damage to property, escape from lawful custody and rape. Mosete was found guilty on May 4 on all three cases and sentenced as follows:  
Count 1: Malicious damage to property: Four months imprisonment,  
Count 2: Escape from lawful custody: 18 months imprisonment and  
Count 3: Rape: Life imprisonment.

Upon his sentencing, Mosete was declared unfit to possess a firearm or ammunition in terms of section 103, of the Firearms Control Act, (Act No. 60 of 2000). The North West Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane and management welcomed the sentence. She said that the police in the province will continue through sentences such as this one to send a message that the law will show no mercy to perpetrators of crime.



From left to right is Mahikeng Cluster Vispol Commander, Colonel Dube; Mahikeng Deputy

## Fatherhood celebration and award ceremony

**MAHIKENG MAIL-MAHIKENG:** Mmabatho Police Station last Friday celebrated fatherhood by inviting men from both Police Act as well as PSA, for a delightful ceremony. The occasion was led by Commander Brigadier Mokobori and awards were handed out to the men in attendance as a token of appreciation.

Advocate Keabaka Moses motivated the attendees by deliberating on aspects of Human Rights versus Authority, Societal Responsibility and Black Tax; Parenting in a modern family and sustaining a sound marriage in the contemporary society. "Members should determine their position in the services as to whether it's a calling or simply employment. You should not work for money but money should work for you," he emphasized.

The celebration follows the idea of father's day from Sonara Smart Dodd in 1910, as she was raised by a single father who was a veteran of the civil war. The Station Commander Brigadier Mokobori, outlined the significance of the day by reflecting on ideological outlook of fathers as being thrashed and called with bad names. "When I looked at my circle, I did not see any man as thrash but protectors" she said.

Sanlam Financial Adviser, Fatima advised

members of the Police Service on financial planning, investment and wealth. They also awarded certificates and group certificates for Unit representatives to honour and value the meticulous efforts of members. This was a part of conforming to the appeal of the Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane, to station and Cluster Commanders to appreciate hard working members at all times.

The Deputy Cluster Commander, Brigadier Mabilo, expressed his contentment and acknowledged that the initiative was virtuous and it will work on enhancing the morale of members.

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# Hawks' computers stolen

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By SIFISO JIMTA

THERE was a break-in at the Hawks' head office early yesterday morning.

According to Hawks spokesman Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi, the defiant break-in took place at the Promat Building in Silverton, Pretoria.

Mulaudzi said they became aware that the items were stolen early yesterday, but the burglary could have taken place on Tuesday night.

It is unclear at this stage if any confidential information relating to ongoing investigations was taken.

"Investigators are currently working at the scene and more information will be communicated in due course.

"The Hawks would like to confirm that so far, only computers were stolen from the finance, supply chain management and human resource management offices."

He said acting national head of

the Hawks, Lieutenant-General Yolisa Matakata, had condemned the incident.

Matakata assured citizens that a crack team will oversee an investigation into the incident.

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Mulaudzi said they are still trying to find out if any documents were missing.

"This will only be confirmed once the forensic fingerprints team has done their work."

He said there were no visible signs of a break-in.

"The only way to access the environment is to use access cards," said Mulaudzi.

"We will be looking at security to see if it is up to scratch or not, and if it is not, surely we must take action."

■ Meanwhile, two men appeared in court in Mamelodi yesterday accused of another robbery at the office of the Chief Justice in Midrand.

# Hawks burglary an 'inside job'

## Computers stolen at 'high security' HQ

By Bongani Nkosi

The Hawks suspect the burglary at Promat Building, its headquarters in Silverton, Pretoria, early yesterday was an inside job.

Besides breaking the door of an office where they stole a number of computers, the brazen thugs did not seem to have forced entry into the high-security offices.

Spokesman for the elite crime-busting unit Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi said: "We have strict security measures [at the headquarters]. Anybody who gets inside our building has to pass through security."

The security entails security guards and the use of access cards. Mulaudzi said computers were stolen from the finance, supply chain management and human resource management offices. "No docket has gone missing," he said.

The computers had confidential information of employees of the Hawks. Mulaudzi said a crack team had been set up to investigate the burglary.

The Hawks became the second state institution to be broken into this year.

Fifteen computers containing information on judges were stolen from the highly secured office of Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng in Midrand earlier in the year.

Condemning the break-in, DA spokesman for police Zakhela Mbhele sought to link the Hawks and Mogoeng office break-ins. He also drew parallels to the burglary at the Helen Suzman Foundation in 2016.

At the time, the foundation was embroiled in a legal battle to remove former head of the Hawks Berning Ntlemeza.

"It is clear that there is a growing culture of intimidation in SA which is gravely concerning in a constitutional democracy like ours," Mbhele said.

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## Hawks break-in motive mystery

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Rorisang Kgosana

Suspicion surrounds the motive for the break-in at the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) head offices in Pretoria yesterday, in which several computers - containing confidential information of staff members - were taken.

The country's specialised crime-fighting unit was still baffled yesterday how intruders managed to enter the premises in Silverton, which were highly secured.

Seven computers were stolen, Hawks spokesperson Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi said.

"We arrived to find the offices opened and computers taken. Fortunately, no [dockets were] taken but the computers contained highly confidential information about our members. We don't know what they want to do with that information," he said.

What was puzzling, said Mulaudzi, was how the intruders entered the building since the Hawks' premises were secure with tight entrance and exit access control.

"We don't want to assume anything right now and cannot confirm how they broke in or the number of people involved. We have security personnel and are taking statements from them," Mulaudzi said.

Acting national head of the Hawks Lieutenant-General Yolisa Matakata condemned the burglary and said a crack team would be appointed to oversee the investigation.

The Democratic Alliance found it suspicious that the incident took place in the run-up to the "most high-stakes ANC elective conference of the last 23 years".

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# Inside job not ruled out in Hawks break-in

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He have not ruled out the possibility of an inside job in the break-in and theft of several computers at the Hawks headquarters in Silverton, Pretoria, says Hawks spokesperson Brigadier Mulaudzi said: "We don't know... but we can't rule out." Computers kept in the human resources, finance and supply

chain departments were stolen from the Promat Building, the home of the Hawks. Mulaudzi said the stolen computers contained critical information because the human resources facilities carried profiles of the Hawks members. "We don't know what they (the thieves) want to do with such information," Mulaudzi said. He could not ascertain the

number of computers stolen because he said investigators were still counting and assessing information. But case dockets had not gone missing, as they were kept in a safe place. "We have downloaded information from the CCTV camera, but we can't talk about it now as we are still assessing it." "Most of the information we

will get at a later stage," he added. The acting national head of the Hawks, Lieutenant-General Yolisa Matakata, condemned the "unfortunate incident" and promised that an intensive investigation was under way. Investigators were working on the scene and more information would be communicated in due course, said Matakata. Zakhela Mbhele, DA spokes-

person on the police, said the break-in was unprecedented and a politically motivated act. Mbhele challenged Police Minister Fikile Mbalula to announce action to be undertaken by the police to apprehend the crime masterminds. "It should be one of the minister's priorities to ensure that in future, this independent organised-crime-fighting unit is

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