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Premier wants farm killers arrested

ELFAS TORERAI

PREMIER Supra Mahumapelo has called for the speedy investigation and arrests of three men who attacked and killed a farmer near Lichtenburg on Friday evening.

A 46-year-old farmer was shot and killed during a robbery at the farm, bringing to the fore issues of security for both farmers and farmworkers.

The incident is the fourth farm attack reported in the province recently where three lives have been lost. This includes Matlhomola Moshoeu, the 16-year-old boy from Coligny.

Mahumapelo's call follows police

reports that they are investigating a case of murder and house robbery.

North West police spokesperson Col Emelda Setlhako said the attack happened at Habernia farm near Lichtenburg about 7.30pm.

"According to information at our disposal the three suspects who were driving an unidentified vehicle, approached the son. It is alleged that the armed suspects instructed the victim to go inside the house while threatening him with a firearm," Setlhako said.

"Further information states that inside the house, the suspects found the victim's 75-year-old mother and

tied their hands with electric cables and demanded money. It is alleged that the perpetrators shot the son in the head and he died at the scene and they ran away."

The deceased's mother later managed to free herself and call the police. It was not clear what had been stolen.

"It is really sickening to know that our people continue to involve themselves in such violent, barbaric acts. No amount of justification can provide a better explanation as to why we have to resort to such criminality," Mahumapelo said.

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Attackers kill farmer

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A 46-YEAR-OLD farmer was shot dead on a farm near Lichtenburg, North West police said.

Three men allegedly shot the man at Habernia Farm near Lichtenburg on Friday.

The men drove an unknown vehicle and accosted the farmer outside the farmhouse, pointed a firearm at him, and forced him into the house. There they used electric cord to tie the man up with his 75-year-old mother and demanded money. It is alleged that the perpetrators shot the son in the head. He died at the scene and they fled. His mother managed to call for help and a (farm) worker untied her and they called police. - ANA

Farmer killed, mom assaulted

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Three armed men allegedly shot dead a 46-year-old farmer on a farm near Lichtenburg on Friday, North West police have said.

The assailants allegedly accosted the farmer outside his farmhouse with a firearm, then tied him and his 75-year-old mother up inside the house.

It is alleged that the perpetrators then shot the son in the head and fled with a car.

The mother called for help. A farm worker came to untie her and called the police. - ANA

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3 up for robbery

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THREE men arrested in connection with possession of an illegal firearm and house robbery will appear in the Brits Magistrate's Court today.

The three were arrested after a house robbery incident in Hebron near Brits.

Provincial police spokesperson Col Emelda Setlhako said: "In an effort to reduce the levels of trio crimes, three suspects between the ages of 37 and 48 are expected to appear in the Brits Magistrate's Court today on charges of possession of a illegal firearm and house robbery.

"The trio's court appearance will come after they were arrested by the Brits police and crime intelligence unit after they committed a house robbery in Hebron," she said.

Setlhako said the men were arrested in Mamelodi outside Pretoria.

Provincial police commissioner, Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane congratulated the police for apprehending the men and called for justice to prevail.

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Go ahead for re-enlistment

CONSTABLE TO W/O: CHANCE FOR FORMER POLICE OFFICERS TO RETURN

» Returnees will be remunerated on the minimum notch applicable to their rank.

Virginia Keppeler

Acting National Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Lesetja Mothiba has approved the re-enlistment of former police members from the rank of constable to warrant officer.

Mothiba said successful candidates will be re-enlisted in the ranks they previously held in the South African Police Service (SAPS) and be remunerated on the minimum salary notch applicable to their relevant rank.

He said information about the re-enlistment will also be posted on the SAPS website www.saps.gov.za under the heading, "Careerers".

All applications will be considered based on the availability

of vacant funded posts in terms of the fixed establishment of the SAPS. The focus of the re-enlistment process will be to improve capacity in different SAPS environments, focusing on commercial crime units, organised crime units, detective units at police stations, family violence, child protection and sexual offences units, forensic social workers, intelligence gatherers, crime information officers, police stations, 10111 centres, K9 units, Public Order Policing, Mounted units and generic support.

Mothiba said former members, who left the SAPS on retirement (early retirement or who reached compulsory retirement age), were dishonourably discharged and/or dismissed from the SAPS, left the SAPS pending the conclusion of a disciplinary enquiry and/or criminal proceedings, left the SAPS longer than ten years ago or who are not able to render at least five years of pensionable service, will not be considered for re-enlistment.

Applicants must bear in mind that they will be subjected to a thorough screening process,

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Applicants must:

- ▶ Have been appointed as a member of the SAPS in terms of the police Act, 1995 (Act no 68 of 1995), serving in the rank of constable, sergeant or warrant officer;
- ▶ Have successfully completed basic training and relevant functional police training courses, where applicable for operational posts;
- ▶ Have a good disciplinary and attendance record when formerly employed in the SAPS;
- ▶ Have at least a Grade 12 (matric) or higher qualification;
- ▶ Have a valid motor vehicle licence (Code B);
- ▶ Be a South African citizen – proof must be furnished;
- ▶ Be proficient in at least two of the official languages, of which one must be English;

- ▶ Submit himself or herself to a medical examination as determined by the National Commissioner;
- ▶ Undergo a psychological assessment;
- ▶ Not have any visible tattoo marks when wearing uniform;
- ▶ Have no previous criminal convictions and/or pending criminal disciplinary cases;
- ▶ Allow his or her fingerprints to be taken and background enquiries to be made;
- ▶ Not have been declared unfit to possess a firearm;
- ▶ Be prepared to be deployed based on the needs of the SAPS; and
- ▶ Not be involved in any business or activity that will be in conflict of interest with the integrity of the SAPS.

checking, medical testing and screening of former SAPS employment records.