

Premier's 10 by 10 campaign set to reduce crime

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THE department of community safety and transport management in the province viewed Premier Supra Mahumapelo's 10 by 10 campaign as ideal for partnerships that could reduce crime.

The 10 by 10 programme was intended as a vehicle through which the state closed social distance and communication gaps between the government, non-governmental organisations and the communities at large.

Community safety and transport management MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane said that the department tested the possibility of partnerships during the campaign in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda district recently.

He said that in one of the activities, the department held a meeting at the Ventersdorp police station with NGOs, NPOs and community policing forums (CPFs), 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.

Motlhabane said it was exciting to see communities coming forth to work with the government willingly in fighting the scourge of crime.

"What excites us more is that we are starting to see even more men coming out to fight domestic violence and all elements of crime within our communities.

"Men are mostly perpetrators, now having more men coming forward with registered structures and being prepared to stand up against this scourge, as the provincial government we are satisfied that we indeed are moving in the right direction.

"This is a positive sign that we will win this fight against crime," he said.

The department had started its implementation of community safety patrollers' programme which was officially announced by the MEC during his 2017-18 budget vote at the provincial legislature at the beginning of the financial year.

In his speech then, Motlhabane outlined that the department would recruit about 400 community patrollers in the four districts of the province.

He appealed to the communities to avail themselves to be the first to respond to any criminal activity in their residential areas.

"We need crime prevention activists in every town and village of the province in order to win the battle against crime. These crimes, we must admit, take place on our doorsteps and we, the communities, know the people who commit them.

"So if all of us become first to respond to any crime alert, we will definitely win the fight against crime," Motlhabane said.

To date, the department had already signed contracts with patrollers in different local municipalities where the department would recruit at least 100 patrollers a 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 contracts.

The MEC said that his department was presently finalising its plan for the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti district municipality, whose campaigns would be implemented from July 10 to 20 in 2017.

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ANTI-CRIME DRIVE: Crime fighters convey their vital message through drama at an imbizo in Masilo, Theunissen.

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Men warned about female robbers

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POLICE in Phokeng near Rustenburg have urged men to be careful after it emerged that a group of women target and rob unsuspecting men of their belongings.

Men at risk are those who visited restaurants, pubs, cafes and nightclubs late at night.

The women allegedly spike their victims drinks and accompany the men to

their homes. The police said the women would purposely sit alone to attract the men's attention.

"Later, they would accompany the men to their homes. The victim would wake up the next day to an empty house. We would like to urge men to be cautious and not to invite strangers into their homes," police said.

Police said a number of cases with the same modus operandi had been reported in the area.

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Alleged killers of black teenager in the dock

TWO MEN accused of killing a teenage boy appeared briefly in the Coligny Magistrate's Court in North West yesterday.

The case against Pieter Doorewaard, 26, and Phillip Schutte, 34, was postponed to August 7 for a decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Magistrate Mattheus van Logerenberg, who recused himself for safety reasons in April, presided over the case yesterday.

The two are accused of killing Mathomola Jonas Mosweu, 16, on April 20 at Scotland informal settlement in Coligny after accusing him of stealing sunflowers from their employer's field. The two claimed they put Mosweu at the back of a van, intending to take him to the police, but, according to them, he jumped out of the moving vehicle and injured his neck.

However, a witness said Mosweu was thrown out of the moving van.

He died on his way to hospital.

The men are facing charges of murder and attempted murder for allegedly killing Mosweu and shooting a witness.

Mosweu's death triggered violent community protests that left a trail of destruction in the small maize-growing town and divided the community. Six houses and three trucks were set alight and several shops looted and damaged.

Yesterday, EFF members

chanted "Kill the boer, kill the farmer" as the two left court.

Mosweu's father, Sakkie Dingake, said he wanted the matter to be finalised as quickly as possible.

He constantly asked the accused to hold their heads up, before the court proceeding started. "Hold your head up, why are you hiding?" he asked them.

In court, Dingake and his wife, Agnes Mosweu, were seated

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diagonally opposite the accused's family.

On Thursday, the North West High Court set aside the State's application to appeal magistrate Makgaola Foso's decision to grant Doorewaard and Schutte each R5 000 bail. - ANA

Mosweu case postponed

By DULILE SOWAGA

SAKI Dingake and Agnes Mosweu sat silently while the magistrate postponed the murder case.

Pieter Doorewaard and Phillip Schutte are accused of killing Sasaki and Agnes' son, Mosweu Mathomola (17).

The case of the two farmers in Coligny, North West was postponed yesterday to 7 August at the Coligny Magistrates Court.

The defence team was against the postponement but the prosecutor said not all investigations had been done and requested more time.

Magistrate Mattheus van Logerenberg explained there could be many postponements to allow for investigations to be done before trial resumes.



Murder suspects Pieter Doorewaard and Phillip Schutte appeared in the Coligny Magistrates Court yesterday.

Doorewaard and Schutte accused the boy of stealing sunflower seeds from a farm in April.

The two maintain he jumped from the back of the vehicle on the way to the police station. Mosweu's death caused unrest in the little town, which resulted the High Court in Mahikeng.

There were fewer protesters outside court this time than at previous appearances. Protesters sang songs as the men were quickly driven away in a car.

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Coligny teen's death: pair in court

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Magistrate Mattheus van Loggerenberg, who recused himself from the case for safety reasons in April, said the prosecution had returned the docket to the police. It would be expected this week, and the DPP was expected to make a decision.

Van Loggerenberg presided over the case. The two are accused of killing Mathomola Jonas Mosweu, 16, on April 20 at Scotland informal settlement in Coligny after accusing him of stealing sunflowers from their employer's field.

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shooting at a witness. Mosweu's death triggered violent community protests that left a trail of destruction in the small maize-growing town and divided the community.

At least six houses and three trucks were set alight and several shops looted and damaged. EFF members chanted "Shoot the Boer, shoot the farmer" as the two left court yesterday. They chanted behind them until the police stopped them and the two got into a security vehicle and sped off.

Mosweu's father, Sakkie Dingake, said he wanted the matter to be finalised speedily. "I want this case to be completed as fast as possible," he said after the court proceedings. He repeatedly asked the accused to hold their heads up before the court proceedings started. "Hold your head up, why are you hiding?" he asked of the two.

The accused walked into court without looking in the direction of the deceased's family.

In court, Dingake and his wife, Agnes Mosweu, were seated diagonally opposite the accused's family.

The North West High Court on June 22 set aside the State's application to appeal against magistrate Makgaola Foso's decision to grant the two R5 000 bail each. - ANA