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MOLAPISI CONDEMS MOB JUSTICE

Bokone Bophirima Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Gaoage Molapisi appealed to communities of the Province to stop taking the law into their hands.

Molapisi said this following an incident in Moshawana village in Mahikeng where the alleged suspect of house breakings in the area was apprehended and assaulted by the angry communities before handing him over to the police over the weekend.

“Mob justice is a criminal act on its own, and not a solution. If our communities are involved in this act they are acting unlawfully and can be arrested because of the crime they would have committed.

We appreciate their efforts of looking for the suspects which is what we advocate for in the spirit of **“Saamtrek Saamwerk”**, our communities need to work with our police and structures established such as Community Policing forums and Community Safety Forums.

They did a sterling job by handing over the other suspect unharmed to the police the day before and we would like to commend them for that.

However, in a case where the communities feel that the police are not doing their job properly, there are ways and channels to address such. As the Department, our doors are wide open 24/7 to address such challenges,+said Molapisi.

The residents in the area claims that they have opened about nine cases at the police station since the beginning of this year, however, records at the station only shows four cases linked to house breaking in which they are still under investigation.

The assaulted suspect is recovering in hospital under police guard.

Communities experiencing criminal acts within their residing areas are requested to contact the nearest police station or the departmental call centre @ 0800 204 992.

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