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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **MEC Molapisi concerned about withdrawn cases of stock theft in Kagisano Molopo Municipality**

The Bokone Bophirima MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management Gaoage Molapisi raised a concern on withdrawal of stock theft cases reported in the Morokweng police station.

This follows Molapisi announced visit to the Morokweng Police Station during the Setsokotsane programme implemented in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District.

During the visit, police raised their concerns to MEC Molapisi and the Departmental management that they are unable to finalise stock theft cases due to the fact that complainants turn to withdraw their cases immediately after recovering or meeting with the suspects.

"Most of our complainants do not attend their court cases and mostly wants to withdraw them after striking deals with the complainants.

In an attempt to explain their importance of attending court cases, complainants would show no interest and mostly wants to withdraw cases on the basis that they have recovered their stolen stock theft," says Col Kgopodithata on behalf of Provincial Commander Detective unit.

In response to the presentation made, MEC Molapisi said the withdrawal of cases are a worrying factor across the province and there is a need for community consultations and consumer education regarding the importance of finalisation of criminal cases reported to police stations.

"It might be that our people have lost trust on our police but there is a need for us to rebuild that trust and strengthen our working relations with communities in general.

In this regard, our Community policing Forums must play their role and work hand-in-hand with us in educating our communities about the importance of attending courts and ensures the finalisation of cases.



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"We need to change the way we do things, we must improve our working relations with communities we are serving and rebuild the trust.

"Our people must have confidence in us and this depends on how we do our things, we must start giving our people feedback with regard to their cases and continuously inform them about progress registered on cases investigated" said MEC Molapisi.

The MEC further expressed his concern on the delay of prosecution of sexual offenses cases. He said his department will engage the Justice Department and resuscitate the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS). MEC Molapisi said the programme is designed to deliver government services to the communities in an integrated manner. It is during the implementation of this programme, where services are pulled together in an effort to eradicate poverty and create opportunities for local people to improve their lives.

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