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NW police refuse bribe on discovery of drug laboratory

A police officer refused bribe of R60 000 offered upon the discovery of what appears to be a drug manufacturing laboratory in Boons near Rustenburg.

A 54-year-old woman who owns the property where the laboratory was discovered was arrested in an attempt of bribe the police.

The arrest came after the police who were on a routine rural safety patrol stopped at locked gates at one of the farms in Boons. According to information, two men were seen running away from the farm.

The police managed to force entry into the farm wherein they discovered that drugs manufacturing activities were taking place. Drugs sludge were found being cooked on stoves while others were still in various drums. The police also found drugs suspected to be mandrax as well as other chemicals utilised to manufacture drugs, all worth estimated street value of over R8 million.

She is expected to appear in the Koster Magistrates' Court on Friday, 14 October 2016 with charges of Contravention of Section 3 (manufacture and Supply of scheduled substances) and Section 5 (dealing in drugs) of Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act, 1992 (Act No.140 of 1992).

North West Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Dr Mokgantsang Mpho Motlhabane commended SAPS for the tremendous work in particular for refusing bribe.

“You have done a sterling work and we want to applaud you for this. We must clean the province, these people are destroying our society now we must make their planning very difficult.

“We must suffocate these criminals to death and they must know that they don't have space in the province,” said Dr Motlhabane.

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Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Baile Motswenyane also lauded members for their efforts and determination in the fight against drug related crimes that are ruining the future of the youth. She said that the police are determined to intensify the fight against crime and any other illegal activities including drug laboratories like this one.

The discovery of this drug laboratory is the second major drugs success in the province following the one in which the police in Kopfontein Port of Entry found drugs worth R70 million hidden in a false compartment of a truck that was entering South Africa from Botswana. The accused in this case are expected to appear in the Zeerust Magistrates' Court on Friday, 28 October 2016.

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