MEDIA STATEMENT

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The Department Names the Victims of Government Offices Shooting

The Department of Human Settlements Public Safety and Liaison in the North West, has released the names of its employees who became victims of the last week Thursday shooting incident that left two people dead and the other three hospitalised with serious injuries.

The Departmental Spokesperson Ben Bole confirmed the names of the deceased, as Mr. Serame Moirapula who was the Chief Housing Inspector, Mr. Aubrey Kgaladi who was newly appointed as Admin Officer.

According to Bole the unfortunate incident has sent a panic wave among employees. He further confirmed that those who sustained injuries from the unfortunate incident are now stable. “We had three colleagues who got seriously injured and two got admitted to hospital and were discharged on Saturday", said Bole.

They are Ms. Veronica Mosala who is the commercial cleaner, Mr. Sehularo Matsobane who is the Assistant Director compliance and enforcement unit in the Department of Economic Development and Mr. Leshoe Phenyo who is the Deputy Director in Chief Directorate housing development was also treated for head injuries by private doctor.

He said that, following internal preliminary investigations, the department discovered that Mr Moirapula has not been reporting for duty since the beginning of 2014 calendar year. “In view of the foregoing, the Department had no option but to freeze his salary for May 2014 informed by Section 17 (3) (a) (i) of the Public Service Act,” said Bole.

The police are still investigating what could have led to the unfortunate incident where Mr Moirapula is alleged to have shoot colleagues and later turned the gun on himself.

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