



Tafelkop duo receives hefty sentence for murder

The Limpopo High Court in Polokwane has on Monday 19 August Gebreyesus, was working as a shopkeeper in 2024 handed down hefty sentences to Kgomotso Pitsi Mmaphaka (38) and Lethope Donald Tshehla (33), following a murder committed at Tafelkop Village in April 2022, where the duo was found guilty of robbing and fatally shooting a foreign national businessman.

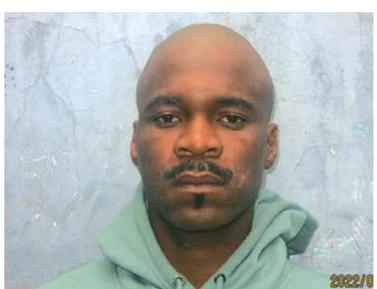
The pair was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, eight years imprisonment on the count of conspiracy to commit robbery, 15 years imprisonment on the count of robbery with aggravating circumstances, five years imprisonment on the count of unlawful possession of firearm and two years imprisonment on the count of unlawful possession of ammunition. The court further ordered that the sentence in all counts should run concurrently with a count of murder. National Prosecuting Authority Spokesperson in Limpopo, Mashudu Malabi-Dzhangi, said during the trial, the accused persons pleaded not guilty and the state-led evidence of the witnesses before the conviction and sentencing. "The court heard that the deceased, Unitielo Tessema

Khomotso Pitsi Mamphaka was sentenced to life imprisonment and an additional 30 years for murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawful possession of firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition.

Tafelkop on 13 April 2022. The deceased and his colleague were closing the shop for the day, and as he was seated in his vehicle waiting for his colleague, two unknown males approached them at gunpoint. Each of the two assailants went for each of the victims, while his colleague struggled to free himself and escaped. The deceased person was shot and robbed of his vehicle, a VW Jetta, Samsung cellphone and an unknown amount of cash," explained Malabi-Dzhangi. The case docket was assigned to Detective Sergeant Raymond Phago of Motetema Detective Unit for further investigations, and the two accused were traced and arrested for murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawful possession of firearms, and ammunition and conspiracy to commit robbery. Malabi-Dzhangi added that in aggravation of sentence, State Advocate Elelwani Mufamadi submitted that this was a senseless crime, and there was no evidence that was presented to the court that there were prospects of the accused being rehabilitated. "Mufamadi pointed out that a message should be sent by the court to the community that offenders such as the accused will not be dealt with lightly. She concluded by submitting that life imprisonment will deter other would-be offenders not to committing such offences. Therefore, the court should not deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence," explained Malabi-Dzhangi. During the court proceedings, Court Judge, Maake Francis Kganyago, remarked that the aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating factors, the personal circumstances of the accused are those that were referred to in Malgas as flimsy reasons. He further remarked that there are no substantial and

compelling circumstances to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence. He concluded by saying that the accused did not show any remorse and the court cannot predict they would ask for forgiveness in the future from the family members of the deceased. NPA Director of Public Prosecutions (DDP), Advocate Ivy Thenga, has welcomed the sentence, adding that she hopes that justice will continue being served to all the victims and other would-be offenders will refrain from committing such crimes.

The DPP further commended the good work done by advocate Mufamadi and investigating officer Phago. Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has also welcomed the hefty sentences that were meted out by the Limpopo Division of the High Court. "We commend the arresting team and investigating officer for the sterling work which led to successful prosecution and subsequent sentence," concluded Lieutenant General Hadebe.



The accused, Donald Lethope Tshehla, receive a life imprisonment sentence and an additional 30 years imprisonment after he was found guilty for murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawful possession of firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition.

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Destitute families receive fully furnished houses

MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Basikopo Makamu, has on Thursday 22 August, officially handed-over two fully furnished houses, a wheelchair and blankets to the impoverished families from Waalkraal and Kgobokwane Villages in Moutse respectively. The Makgata and Moepya families, from Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 3 and Ward 4, were identified during a door-to-door campaign in the area for the 2024 national and provincial elections. Makamu was accompanied by Mayor of EMLM, Cllr David Tladi, EMLM Council Speaker Cllr Junior Thethe, Cllr Samaria Mashilo who was representing the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), SDM Council Speaker Cllr David Kgwediyebotse Chego and representatives from other key stakeholders. MEC Basikopo Makamu said during the hand-over that through community work, activism and volunteerism they were able to identify these two families as needing immediate intervention. "I am happy that today we are here to hand over fully furnished houses for these two families. They can now have peaceful nights without worrying if the houses will fall in their sleep," he said. The MEC expressed his gratitude to all stakeholders involved in the construction of these houses, stating: "As the ANC-led government, we

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Full address and location of the premises
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Type of license applied for: Pub

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Johannes Tsogane Johannes
Intended trading name
Uncle Joe Liquor Restaurant
Identity number or registration of the applicant
800510 5915 087
Full address and location of the premises
770 Ga-Mogashoa Village
Type of license applied for: Liquor Restaurant

thank you for your civic duty in building sustainable infrastructure and giving back to the most vulnerable among us. This is what the forefathers of our movement and government envisioned when they drafted the Freedom Charter." Makamu also emphasized the department's gratitude and commitment for the restoration of dignity to these two families. "Housing remains a cornerstone of human dignity and a key indicator of a society's progress. Our commitment to breaking new ground in integrated human settlements has led to significant strides in providing housing for all, particularly for vulnerable groups such as Military Veterans," said Makamu. One of the beneficiaries, Mme Hilda Moepya, said she was happy to receive a newly built house from the MEC and the municipality. Moepya is a mother of three unemployed children and living with a disability. The family has been living in a small dilapidated two-bedroom house which was also leaking, prior to the intervention by government to build them a new house. "I don't know how to explain how I feel. It is more than a dream come true for me. We could not do this on our own. Thanks for giving us shelter and at the same time, restoring our dignity as human beings," said Moepya after receiving keys to her brand-new house. Mayor Tladi said during the hand-over that the initiative will play an important part in changing lives of needy residents in EMLM, particularly women who are vulnerable group affected by poverty, unemployment and inequality. "We are restoring Mme Anikie Makgata and Mme Hilda Moepya's dignity by handing over the keys because we know that enhancing women's lives benefits families, communities, and our society as a whole," said Tladi.



New shopping destination takes shape in Leeuwfontein

The Mayor of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM), Cllr Given Moimana, has on Tuesday 20 August conducted a sod-turning of the Leewfontein Crossing to mark the start of the construction of the new shopping complex in Ward 8 of the local municipality. McCormick Property Development was appointed towards the development of the new shopping complex, which is set to benefit people of Leeuwfontein Township and surrounding villages under Rahlagane Traditional Authority such as Manapyane, Mamphokgo, Letebejane and other nearest places. McCormick Property Development with extensive record of Retail development of over 75 shopping centers, promised to start construction work of Leeuwfontein Crossing in the next two weeks after the sod-turning. During the sod-turning, Mayor Moimana was joined by EPMLM Council Speaker Rebecca Lentsoane, EPMLM Council Chief Whip Cllr Lina Magane, EPMLM ward councillors including NL Magatle, K Mamahlako, K Aphane, EPMLM Municipal Manager Eric Moropa, Planning and Economic Development Director P Tjebane, Infrastructure Director T Maphutha, EPMLM CFO T Modisane, along with McCormick delegation led by Retail Manager Phillip Malan. Addressing the attendees, Kgoshi Rahlagane encouraged his people to seize this opportunity as a community need to benefit in terms of economic development. Mayor Moimana reiterated the protection of the project and the assets that will be used in the project. He furthered challenged McCormick to train the youth so that when the construction ends, young people may remain with the skills.

EPMLM Mayor,
CIIr Given Moimana (Right),
conducting the
sod-turning of
the Leewfontein Crossing
Shopping Centre which is set
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Police offer R20 000 reward for the arrest of notorious fugitive

The Police in Limpopo are offering a R20 000 reward to anyone who can provide positive information that can lead to the arrest and successful conviction of a notorious suspect, Lovemore Musoyi, a Zimbabwean national believed to be around 35-years-old. Musoyi has escaped from police custody in January 2024 and continues to commit heinous crimes around villages in Sekhukhune District. According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Musoyi is wanted in connection with more than 10 criminal cases, including murder, attempted murder, armed robberies, house robberies, business robberies, kidnapping, assaults, stock theft, possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition that occurred in Elandskraal, Motetema, Dennilton and Rakgoadi policing area in Sekhukhune District Municipality. Ledwaba said one of the recent incidents involving Musoyi occurred on 20 June 2024 at approximately 19:45, where he and accomplices carried out a brazen business robbery at a tuck shop in Mafisheng Village. "During the robbery, Musoyi viciously attacked a male victim, whom he accused of betrayal, and proceeded to assault him with an axe. The criminals then looted the shop, stealing both money and soft drinks before fleeing the scene," he said. Ledwaba added that in a separate incident occurred on 1 January 2023, Musoyi managed to escape from a police vehicle at Moutse Mall in Dennilton while en route to Witbank Correctional Services. "This escape occurred alongside two other suspects, who were subsequently re-arrested," explained Ledwaba. Furthermore, Ledwaba said on 2 February 2024, Musoyi engaged in a violent altercation at his ex-girlfriend's residence, resulting in him shooting his ex-girlfriends brother in the mouth before he fled the scene with a television set. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe has also ordered detectives in the Sekhukhune District to mobilise all available resources to arrest this notorious suspect on the run. Lieutenant General Hadebe has assured the community that a team of specialised detectives is working tirelessly to trace the suspect and bring him to book. She urged the public to provide any information that may lead to his swift arrest and bring him to justice. "We

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urge the public to work with us and come forward with any information that can help to apprehend this hard-core criminal who continues to terrorize our communities," concluded Lieutenant General Hadebe. The police appeal to anyone with information about Lovemore Musoyi's whereabouts to contact Lieutenant Colonel Boshomane on 079

894 5501, or Warrant Officer Phaladi Makola on 082 749 2233, Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or make use of MySAPSApp.

Ongoing Police Weekly Operations sweep 870 suspects

The Limpopo ongoing Weekly High Density Joint Operations, conducted throughout the province, has led to the arrest of 870 suspects for various offenses, including murder, attempted murder, rape, dealing in drugs, unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition among other charges. The operations, led by females in law enforcement spaces to embrace women's month of August, were conducted in the five district of Limpopo Province and they were carried out by the various police units, South African National Defence Force (SANDF), other relevant law enforcement sector departments and relevant stakeholders through roadblocks and the stop and searches, focused on crime that are prevalent across Limpopo. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said during the operations, the police recovered two stolen or hijacked motor vehicles, one unlicensed firearm, thirteen dangerous weapons as well as suspected stolen items. "Moreover, a number of thirty-eight wanted suspects were also arrested for serious cases such as rape, carjacking and murder," he said. Ledwaba added that as part of efforts to eradicate illegal firearms, a joint operation by members of police led to the recovery of an unlicensed 9mm pistol and a magazine at Mahlareng Village in Magatle policing area outside Marble Hall. "The operation was conducted after receiving information about a suspect from Makgopong Village in possession of a firearm and threatening community members at a tavern in Mehlareng Village. Although the suspect evaded arrest, officers recovered the firearm with ammunition dropped by the suspect," explained Ledwaba. He said intelligence gathering and a manhunt for the suspect are ongoing and anyone with information is urged to contact the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, the nearest Police Station or make use MySAP-SApp. Meanwhile Ledwaba said some of the suspects arrested during the ongoing operations have already appearing before various magistrate's courts across the province. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has commended the police members for ensuring that the citizens of this province are well protected against any criminal activities occurring in our province. Hadebe commended the operations, saying: "We are committed to addressing the scourge of illegal firearms in our province and ensuring the safety of our communities."



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Man gets ten years sentence for brutal tavern murder

The Sekhukhune Regional Court has on Monday 19 August 2024, convicted and sentenced Kemishetso Mphahlele (31), to an effective 10 years imprisonment after he stabbed to death a male victim at the tavern in Nokaneng Village. The incident occurred in May 2023. Brigadier Hlulani Mashaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the court noted that on 6 May 2023, the accused stabbed a 36-year-old man, named Velly Magakwe, with a knife on the upper body while consuming alcohol at the nearest tavern in Nokaneng Village. "The victim succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The case of murder was registered and investigated by Detective Sergeant Sarel Letladi Kekana who is attached to Sekhukhune Detectives. The ac-

cused was arrested on Thursday 11 May 2023, after handing himself and the investigating officer opposed bail until the hefty sentencing was passed on Monday 19 August 2024," explained Mashaba. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the sentence and praised the investigating officer and his team for their outstanding work and professionalism.

Kemishetso Mphahlele was sentenced to an effective 10 years in prison for the brutal murder of Velly Magakwe who was stabbed to death at a tavern in Nokaneng Village.



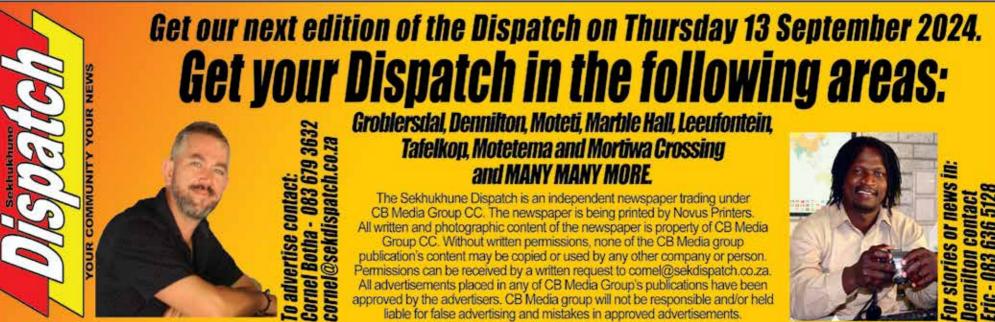
Suspected stock thieves nabbed in Roosenekal

The police in Roosenekal have arrested three male suspects, aged between 27 and 30, in connection with stock theft. The trio was nabbed by the police members who were on a patrol along the Rossenekal and Stoffberg Road. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the police members were on operation when the suspects were found transporting nineteen goats with Nissan NP300 while on their way to an auction. "Preliminary police investigations revealed that the goats were stolen at Rakgoadi policing area outside Marble Hall. The owner was notified and the goats were positively identified through a brand mark," explained Ledwaba. He said the suspects will soon appear before the local magistrate's court facing possession of suspected stolen live-stock. Ledwaba said police investigations are still continuing. Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrests.

Kutupu man arrested for fatal stabbing of girlfriend

The police detectives in Hlogotlou arrested a 27-year-old man for a fatal stabbing incident that occurred in the early hours of Thursday 15 August 2024, at Kutupu Village in Hlogotlou policing area. Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the police were alerted about the stabbing incident and were further directed to the local hospital where the victim was admitted. "Upon arrival at the hospital, the police found a 22-year-old woman with stab wounds and was already certified dead. Following the investigation, the suspect, aged 27, was arrested during the operation conducted at Kutupu and Mabintane in Hlogotlou policing precinct," explained Ledwaba. He said the weapon that was used to comwill appear before Nebo Magistrate's Court soon facing a charge of murder.





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Wildfire at Ben Viljoen **Highschool**

Ben Viljoen would like to thank Mr Leon Mthethwa and Mr Alfred Makola of Groblersdal's Fire Brigade who came to our aid with the wildfire at the school Sunday afternoon. Ben Viljoen would also like to thank them for teaching our hostel boys how the fire engine and all the accessories work, as well as allowing the boys to dress up in the fire brigade's clothes

Ben Vilioen would also like to thank Gunmar and their assistance with their water truck at the wildfire on Loskop Gymnasium's side.



2 Ben Viljoen learners have reached SA's

Mr Alfred Makola

Congratulations to Vanessa da Silva and Omphile Tshikane who have been included in the Limpopo Cross Country Team. They will take part in the South African Cross Country Championships in Vanderbijlpark on 7 September.





Water Reservoir will become a piece of ART

Moshopiadi Nchabeleng, one of our art learners, took part in a competition hosted by Thaba Eco Hotel/Park to help transform their water reservoir as part of World Environmental Day. Moshopiadi is well known for her amazing artworks and was involved during our Open Day, drawing caricatures of anybody willing to sit for under 2 minutes at the art table.

The competition launched by Thaba Eco forms part of their campaign to work with the youth to educate and encourage using art to promote appreciation for the environment, biodiversity and the importance of pro-









UNMATCHED MONTH-END

Ratanang on the edge of lifting the EPMLM LFA title

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (EPMLM) Local Football Association (LFA) outfit, Ratanang FC, have managed to collect 6 points over the weekend by beating both Liverpool FC and Rocks FC in the EPMLM LFA League matches. The Mooihoek based side is currently on the summit of EPMLM LFA League with 68 points from 27 outings, leading position two team with 9 points. On Saturday 24 August Ratanang played an away match when they locked horns with Liverpool FC from Letebejane Village. The game started off on a high tempo as both teams attacked each other in search for an early goal but they could not convert their chances. Ratatanang took the lead right on half hour mark through Sibusiso "Jeepe" Monakedi who was given a chance to turn inside the box and released a thunderbolt strike which managed to beat keeper at near post. The match went to the break with the visitors leading 1-0. The host came gun blazing in the second half and eventually their pressure paid off when they managed to get an equalizer after a good finisher from close range to make the score 1-1. After the equalizer both sides kept on going pound for pound as each team searched to grab a lead. The game looked set to be the tie but Amo "Mr long range" Modipa came with his trademark finish when he smashed first time volley from 25 yards into the top corner to break the hearts of Liverpool fans, giving Ratanang a 2-1 lead towards the end of the match that ended 2-1 to the visitors. On Sunday 25 August Ratanang played another away with promotion hopefuls, Rocks FC from Mmakgatle Village. The visitors grabbed an early lead in second minute with a courtesy of Kamogelo "Skecho" Maelane who made a finisher from a close range after being set up inside the box through a counter attack with teammates. Ratanang extended their lead in the second half when Skecho managed to beat an offside trap before finishing calmly after sending the goalie to the wrong way to score his brace. Rocks pulled one goal back with long range from outside the box which managed to beat goalkeeper in the bottom corner. After the goal the home side had few chances to equalize but they were not clinical in their shots. Ratanang netted a third goal when Comfort "Man Corf" Mokolo scored from outside the box after finding a top corner to secure all 3 points for his side. Ratanang remains in the pole position and are three matches away from being crowned EPMLM LFA League champions to get promotion to Hollywoodbets Sekhukhune Regional Football League.

Kgolane crowned Best Male Artist in ROYGMA Awards

Nationally acclaimed South African Gospel singer, Abicky Kgolane, from Masakaneng Township outside Groblersdal, has been awarded with the prestigious Best Male Artist of the year at the Royal Gospel Music Awards (ROYGMA), held recently at Ntshonalanga Hall in Tembisa, Gauteng. Kgolane's remarkable journey, spanning over the years, has seen him sharing a stage with renowned artists. He is known by his charts-topping album, "Mphe Matla" and his latest singles, "Ha ole teng and Tsamaya le rona", which is also making waves at various radio stations and television gospel shows. This recognition solidides his position as one of South Africa's top leading figure in the gospel music industry. He said his latest achievement is a testament to his dedication, passion for music and innovative approach to the gospel music. Kgolane is being described as a beacon of hope to many up-coming gospel artists especially those living in rural impoverished communities, to say it is possible. Kgolane's philanthropic efforts, combined with his musical prowess, talent and skills make him a true icon in the entertainment industry. His latest gospel single, "Ha ole teng", also got him nominated for the Old Mutual 11 Independent National Gospel Music Awards (INGOMA), set to take place on the 14 September 2024 at Meropa Sun in Polokwane, where the winners will be announced in the evening. "All these are testament to his artistic growth and commitment to spreading messages of hope and inspiration to the nation," he said. Kgolane appreciates the support he receive from his family, friends, fans, gospel lovers, artists, media and community members who continue to vote for him. Not forgetting his crew, Clifford Matenchi, Moshe, Lucky Makeke and his producers Khali Mampuru and Choshi Ratua for believing in him. Kgolane's announced that people of Sekhukhune will be treated in various Homecoming Gospel Shows across the local municipalities to thank them and give them an opportunity to join and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. "This award belongs to the people of Sekhukhune." he said joyfully. Kgolane encourages those who want to contribute to the homecoming celebration events or want to book him to perform at their functions, may contact him on 072 797 2922 or follow his facebook account abicky kgolane.



Local gospel singer, Abicky Kgolane, with the accolades he received after he was crowned Best Male Artist of the Year during the ROYGMA Awards.





Ratanang FC (Wearing red soccer jersey) in action with Rocks FC at Rocks Sports Grounds in Makgatle Village.









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