Syndicate bust with R2 million drugs

By MOHANOE KHIBA

FIVE alleged drug traffickers appeared at the Potchefstroom Magistrates Court for allegedly dealing in drugs.

Veronica Agu (30), Pascal Enuma Ezekwueme (51), Robinson Ikechukwa Okoye (44), Solomon Eze (38) and Kingsley Ikenna Obumneme (41) were remanded in custody.

The case was postponed to Wednesday, 20 September, for a formal bail application. According to the North West Hawks' spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Tinyiko Mathebula, the bust was made during a takedown operation.

"Information was received about a syndicate alleged to be involved in distributing and selling illegal narcotics in the two provinces.

The information was operationalised, and the team pounced on the suspects at various identified houses," Mathebula said.

All five suspects are facing charges of dealing drugs to an estimated value of over R2 million.

North West Head for the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation, Major General Patrick Mbotho, commended the team for conducting a well-coordinated operation.

Nthabiseng Phadi said she wants justice for her daughters. Photo by Tumelo Mofokeng

MAN SAYS ASKIES FOR 'KILLING' WOMAN!

By TUMELO MOFOKENG

A MUM is mourning the deaths of her two daughters.

This after Samakaleng Phadi (39) from Orange Farm in Drieziek, south of Joburg, died in hospital. She had spent three months in hospital after a man allegedly assaulted her.

The family told *Daily Sun* that the alleged suspect visited the family and asked for forgiveness.

At the time of her death, Semakaleng was still seeking justice for her late sister, who was allegedly beaten to death by a man in 2022 and the suspect hasn't been arrested yet.

Daily Sun published an article on 11 August 2022 about Mpho Motin, who also died under mysterious circumstances.

Semakaleng's mum Nthabiseng Phadi (55) said she has lost hope that another man who killed her other daughter will also not be arrested.

"Since Semakaleng was admitted to hospital in May 2023, I've been to Orange Farm Police Station trying to open an assault case against the suspect so that he can be arrested. But the police have refused to help me," she said.

The mum told *Daily Sun* that she is hurt that her two daughters died in the hands of men, adding that she's now left with five young grandchildren to look after.

According to Nthabiseng, she had asked the suspect why he assaulted her daughter so severely that she ended up in a coma, but the man never answered her.

"He couldn't give me a proper answer and now that Semakaleng is dead, he has the courage to apologise," Nthabiseng said.

She urged law enforcement agencies and GBV groups to help her get justice for her two daughters so that the suspects could rot in prison.

Gauteng police spokeswoman Colonel Dimakatso Nevhuhulwi said police opened a murder case that was reported to police on Monday, 11 September, and no one has been arrested.

MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD

PUBLIC MEETINGS ON THE DETERMINATION OR RE-DETERMINATION OF MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES.
NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 28 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION ACT, 1998
(Limpopo Province)

mdb municipal demarcation board

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 28 of the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 (Act No. 27 of 1998) of the decision of the Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) to hold public meetings on the proposed determination or re-determination of municipal boundaries as set out in the Schedule.
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At each public meeting a representative of the Board will:
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(c) answer relevant questions.

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DEM7520	Proposed redetermination of the municipal boundaries of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (LIM473) and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (LIM471) by excluding Masanteng village from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (LIM473), and by including it into the municipal area of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (LIM471).	Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality (LIM471); Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (LIM473)	10H00	29 September 2023	Sepheu Moleke Sports Ground
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