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Pastor behind bars for rape

A local pastor who allegedly raped a minor while on parole was denied bail last week Wednesday and will appear again before Bulibeni Magistrate's Court on April 20 pending further investigations.

Pastor Steve Ngidemi of Maza village in Buibeni was arrested last November for allegedly raping a 15 year old girl twice, on two separate occasions, while conducting a private prayer session with her.

Spokesperson of Bulibeni police, Constable Enkhotle Masi, said the minor was taken to the pastor's house by a relative for a healing prayer where the incident occurred. She was taken to the police as she was complaining about stomach pain.

According to Masi, an arrival the pastor requested the relative to wait outside while he "treated" the minor privately.

After a few hours the minor came out of the house with herbs (medication) and said nothing about the alleged rape but told her relative that the pastor asked her to come back in two days for a check up.

She said after two days the minor went back to the pastor's house alone where the incident repeated itself.

The relative only found out what actually happened when the minor's stomach pain became worse and was rushed to the clinic where she disclosed in the nurses that she was raped by the pastor.

Ngidemi was arrested in 2002 for rape and released on parole in 2007 for good behaviour.

He has not yet pleaded and is still in police custody.



Pastor Steve Ngidemi of Maza village was arrested for allegedly raping a minor.

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Mashabane's tombstone vandalised

By Given Mshabe

The tombstone of the late South African

Ambassador to Indonesia, Norman

Mashabane, was found vandalised on Monday

morning at Phalaborwa cemetery.

Police say the motive as to why the tomb-

stone was smashed is unknown and a case of "vandalism of graveyard" will be opened.

Authorities of this case are unable to pinpoint the exact date when the vandalism occurred. It appears that had objects were used to smash the tombstone into pieces, leaving many people's hearts broken. Mashabane is the late husband of the International Relations and Cooperation Minister, Maitso Nkomo Mashabane.

The vandalism has caused eyebrows of the Provincial Executive Committee of the ANC, Mpumalanga Region and also lawyers who think Mashabane was a real leader who fought for democracy.

Some think this is an early indication because of the recent reports on the ANC's president, Julius Malema's comments and the death of former leader Mshabe.

ANC Provincial Secretary, (for Mpumalanga), said they are very disturbed and disappointed with what happened.

At the moment there is no suspect, but the police have vowed to investigate until they get to the bottom of it.

"We strongly condemn what happened to our former leader who fought hard for liberation. We believe that the best thing to give to Mashabane is respect," said Mshabe.

The ANC will take responsibility in fixing Mashabane's tombstone.

Maitso Nkomo Mashabane's spokesperson, Nontobeko Kala, said the Minister is aware of the situation, but could not elaborate.

Norman Mashabane was a leader of the African National Congress, South African Ambassador to Indonesia and a member of the Limpopo Parliament when he passed away.

He is also amongst the struggle heroes, born around KaPhalaborwa who will be honoured in the memorial project in Ntshongile. He died in a car accident in October 2007 at the age of 51.



ANC leadership from provincial and regional level were disappointed to witness the end result of the vandalism of Norman Mashabane's tombstone at Phalaborwa cemetery.

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Cellphone snatcher dies

A 41 year old cellphone snatcher was shot to death by an angry mob in Tlokweng village near Tlokweng on Monday morning. This also resulted in snatching a woman three times in the chest.

According to Maitso Mshabe's spokesperson, Alpha Mshabe, the victim was snatched by a mob of 20-30 by Maitso Mshabe, who then snatched her three times in the chest when she tried to fight him.

Mshabe said the victim's cry for help at-

tracted some residents who responded quickly and arrived at the scene. Mshabe said the residents chased and caught the suspect and snatched him.

He died on the scene and was found lying in a pool of blood with five cellphone snatches on his person, including that of the victim.

Mshabe said no arrests have been made. However, police are investigating a case of common robbery and murder.

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SMASHED: Norman Mashabane's grave at Phalaborwa cemetery that was vandalised.



The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Councilor Joshua Mafiso, Greater Leribe Municipality Mayor, City Modjedi, with councillors and bursary recipients during the Executive Mayor Bursary Fund launch in Tzaneen last week.

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In order to assist the utility of this proposed strategy, developers and residents indicate their strategy including the proposed electrical capacity (kVA) at the development site. Completion of the Council approved Electrical Connection Policy is dependent on the site and electrical equipment, which forms part of the application for the limited capacity project. The utility will appropriately license and install the meter through a qualified contractor.

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6. Estimated monthly electricity consumption:

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b. Cell: _____	
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8. Estimated cost (i.e. Services Contribution Policy) R _____

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The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Councilor Joshua Mafiso, handing over a document to bursary recipient, Sogun Moya, during the Executive Mayor Bursary Fund launch last week.

Bursaries awarded to 15 students

Fifteen tertiary students were awarded bursaries by the Mopani District Municipality during the official launch of the Executive

Mayor Bursary Fund in Tzaneen last week.

The bursaries, ranging from R12 000 to R30 000 to cover tuition fees, books, lodging and meals, were awarded to eight Civil Engineering and seven Agricultural Science students studying at various tertiary institutions.

The Executive Mayor of Mopani District Municipality, Councilor Joshua Mafiso, said the Executive Mayor Bursary Fund was established to contribute towards human resource development in the agricultural sector and engineering fields.

Mafiso said the municipality awarded bursaries to students studying engineering and agriculture as one of the district's depend on an agricultural economy and the municipalities need engineers to be able to deliver sustainable and quality services.

He further said the bursary fund was also aimed at encouraging learners/learners' families to study hard at high schools.

He urged bursary recipients to double their efforts in their studies to produce good results at the end of the year.

"We make this emphasis to stimulate your performance beyond any limit because you need to assure that the bursary is well earned of your performance. If you perform badly it will be unfortunate because we will have no choice but to terminate our support," he warned.

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Rural women receive business training

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), in partnership with Business Skills South Africa and Mopani District Municipality, launched the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative in Tzaneen last week.

The training provides business and entrepreneurial skills for women from previously disadvantaged communities.

A group of 25 aspiring female entrepreneurs from the five local municipalities in Mopani District benefited from the three day training which they received certificates for on its completion.

The initiative aims to nurture women who want to become business owners by providing them with the necessary skills to start and manage their own businesses.

The Municipal Manager of Mopani District Municipality, Tim Mathe, said the business have been given the chance of a lifetime to contribute to their communities, families and the Mopani District, and commended the participants for taking advantage of the opportunity.

"When you teach a woman, you teach a nation," commented Magdalen Lerato, the Speaker of Mopani Municipality.

The Municipal Manager of Fuzumani Mayor of Mopani District, Indusa Mafiso, the Mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality, Councilor City Mofokeng stated that the aim of the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative is to train members of previously disadvantaged communities and produce female entrepreneurs and millionaires.

He added that women are an integral part of the government development agenda and urged the participants to start businesses with their newly acquired knowledge.

"PwC gives these women the skills they need to generate their own income and become successful contributors to their communities. We want these women to become millionaires. Rural development is a key initiative, and PwC is honoured to launch this training. The programme provides them with skills in developing a marketing plan, understand how profit is calculated as well as identify factors which determine the right price," said Gliby Khamiso of PwC.

She further said that a person cannot be in business without making meaningful contributions towards the community. "By empowering a woman, the family is empowered. PwC would like to extend success and programme wisdom to the women as they use the skills to create a better life for themselves, their families and their communities," she said.

"They say that if you give a woman a bag of groceries, she will give you a meal. Give her a house and she will live in it; a home, not only for herself and her family, but for her community. We trust that the skills developed through the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative will stand you all in good stead for a lifetime," Khamiso added.

The training course has already taught more than 500 women from Polokwane, Gwelo, KZN, and Mopani and includes the development of a business plan, pricing and costing, and effective financial management and marketing.

PwC is continuously working towards social and economic development in the rural areas of South Africa. In 1992 PwC, in collaboration with the National Industrial Chamber established the Business Skills for South Africa (BSA). In 2009, PwC extended the initiative to include rural women in business through the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative.



PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), in partnership with Business Skills South Africa and Mopani District Municipality, have launched the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative in Tzaneen. Aspiring female entrepreneurs with municipal officials and the PricewaterhouseCoopers management during the official launch last week.



The Mayor of Greater Letaba Municipality, Councilor City Mofokeng, speaking on behalf of the Executive Mayor of Mopani District, Indusa Mafiso, during the official launch of the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative in Tzaneen last week.



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The Municipal Manager of Mopani District Municipality, Tim Mathe, addressing aspiring female entrepreneurs during the official launch of the Fuzumani Rural Women Training initiative in Tzaneen.

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Miss Maake Plaza crowned

A Pekaia High School learner was crowned Miss Maake Plaza 2010 last week. Beauty Kamukile received the judges' vote as the most beautiful girl in the area whilst Leticia Lethulo walked away with the first prize title. Kallego Maake was chosen as the second princess.



Miss Maake Plaza 2010, Beauty Kamukile, is flanked on the left by first princess, Leticia Lethulo, and on the right by second princess, Kallego Maake, showing the beauty pageant at Maake Plaza last week.



NAFCCOC leaders Provincial Treasurer, Robert Linyo, Mopani District Secretary, Mafumeo Lelaba, Mopani District Chairperson, Tshele Malakele, Provincial President, Mafumeo Lelaba, and Provincial Secretary, Themba Malakele, hosted a conference last Saturday at Tsoy Tsoy Lodge, Tzaneen with the aim of reviving the organisation.

Chamber back in full force

The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCCOC) resumed work in full force after it took a number of years off.

With the aim of reviving and reinvigorating membership, Limpopo's NAFCCOC president was on the road visiting various districts. On Saturday Mopani NAFCCOC held its conference in Tzaneen and a number of its existing members were in attendance together with aspiring members.

NAFCCOC Limpopo Secretary General, Themba Malakele, said he advises people who are in business to join the organisation as the benefits are significant. He allowed that as part of the benefits, struggling members who require capital are assisted. The capital comes from R2 500 to R30 000. "The aim of NAFCCOC is to register members' companies in all spheres of government parastatals and also assist them to succeed as business," said Malakele. Malakele also stated that members are guaranteed networking opportunities with relevant people in the organisation.

The joining fee for NAFCCOC is R600 per annum and other benefits are advertising and promotion, and business support services.

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