

Minister of police appalled by inhumane crime committed in Mankweng

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Media Statement from the Office of the Minister of Police

PRETORIA - The Minister of Police, Mr Senzo Mchunu is deeply appalled and outraged by the heinous crime committed in Mankweng, where the decomposed bodies of two women were found in a pigsty on a farm. The Minister finds the actions of the individuals responsible for this brutal act utterly reprehensible, showing a complete disregard for human life.

Zachariah Olivier (60), a farmer, and his two employees Adriaan De Wet (19), and William Musoro (45), a foreign national, were arrested after the discovery of the bodies on a farm in Sebayeng, outside Mankweng, on 20 August 2024. The suspects appeared in the Mankweng Magistrate's Court on charges of two counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition, defeating the ends of justice and contravention of the Immigration Act (in respect of Musoro, an illegal immigrant). The matter was postponed to 30 August 2024 for a formal bail application.

In expressing his sentiments on the matter, Minister Mchunu stated the following: "The arrest of these suspects is a step towards justice for the victims and their families. The horrific nature of this crime demands that justice be served without leniency. I strongly condemn these acts and hope that the court will recognise the gravity of this situation during the formal bail application. Granting bail to these suspects would undermine the severity of their alleged crimes and pose a threat to public safety. I want to commend the Provincial Tracking Team and the Murder and Robbery Unit for their diligent work in apprehending these suspects. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims during this incredibly difficult time. We will continue to do everything in our power to support the ongoing investigation and bring closure to those affected by this tragedy."

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