

## Farther's death:

# Wife, sons sentenced

**IKAGENG - The police arrested the wife and sons of Piet Palina Banda who was burned to charter in September 2005.**

Two young boys, who went hunting in an open field near Matlwang Village in mid-September 2005, came upon a horrific scene. The partially charred body of a man, who had also sustained head injuries, was discovered about 100 m from a blue Nissan 1400 bakkie, which had been set alight.

They immediately ran home to tell their family, and the matter was then reported to the police.

On the same day, the body was identified as that of Piet Palina Banda, a well-known businessman, who also held a job at a local factory. At the time, police were unable to identify a suspect.

Almost two years later, Captain Morema was tasked by the Provincial office to investigate the matter. By mid-January 2009, the community was shocked to hear that Banda's wife, Dorcas Matshepo Banda (44) and her two sons, Daniel Thapelo Banda (29) and Frans Itumeleng Banda (25) had been arrested in connection with the murder.

Piet Banda had married Dorcas when her two boys, from a previous relationship, were very young. He adopted both the boys and later Dorcas and he had a daughter of their own. He raised the boys as if they were his own flesh and blood.

In the court case two years later the accuseds pled not guilty.

The couple's daughter, Karabo Elizabeth Banda, who was 16 at the time of her father's death, had to testify against her mother.

### DAUGHTER'S HORRIBLE SECRET

She testified for more than four hours,

revealing the horrible secret she had been guarding for the past five years.

According to her testimony, her mother had told her of her intentions to kill her father two days prior to the actual murder on 13 September 2005. Her mother had wanted her sons to kill their stepfather with a hammer and screwdriver while he was asleep. She told her daughter that the marriage was over, and that, if she were to divorce Piet Banda, she would lose everything. She promised the children that she would pay the proceeds of her husband's provident fund over to them as soon as her husband had been killed.

Karabo told her mother that she was against the idea.

On the day of the murder, Piet Banda returned from work at around 22:00. At around midnight, Dorcas, who worked at the same factory as her husband, came home. By that time, Piet Banda was already asleep.

### FARTHER'S SCREAMS

Karabo told the court that her father started screaming, asking his wife why she was killing him, to which Dorcas replied that it was because he was running around with other woman. Dorcas and her two sons were not aware of the fact that Karabo was awake and listening to the entire event from her bedroom. She also saw her brothers carrying her father's body to the vehicle.

She also testified that her mother had asked her to help wipe the blood stains from the bedroom and kitchen. She said that she did not remain quiet about the murder of her father and had told relatives as well as her brother's girlfriends, but that everyone was afraid of her mother and told her that her mother had 'connections' in the SAPS.

Karabo furthermore claimed that her mother had repeatedly tried to poison her food once it became clear that she wanted to disclose the family secret. Family members in Fochville only came forward in 2008 and gave information to Capt Morema, requesting him to reinvestigate the case.

According to Karabo, her mother was not even shocked when the police arrived to question her in connection with her husband's death.

Family members were full of praise for Capt Morema, who successfully saw the case through the court, saying that they had to live with the trauma of not knowing whether Piet Banda's murderers would ever be caught and brought to book.

On 11 March this year, Daniel Thapelo Banda and Frans Itumeleng Banda were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for the murder, while their mother, Dorcas Matshepo Banda, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder, as well as an additional 10 years imprisonment for conspiracy to commit murder.



The investigating officer.

## Premier sends condolences

**RUSTENBURG - North West Premier Maureen Modiselle has learnt with shock and sadness about the passing away of Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Molefi Sekularo, in a car accident on the N4 road west of Pretoria.**

Premier Modiselle has described Dr Sekularo as a brother, a colleague, a friend, a comrade, having worked together in the province for many

years during his tenure as MEC for Health in the North West as well as serving on the provincial leadership structures of the African National Congress.

She sends her condolences to Dr Sekularo's family, friends, cabinet colleagues, fellow Members of Parliament as well as his comrades in the tripartite alliance.

## Finale datum vir amnestie

**RUSTENBURG - Vrydag 9 April is die laaste dag vir amnestie om onwettige vuurwapens in die handig en om nuut te lisensieër. Die proses is maande voorafgegaan met bewusmakingsveldtogte deur die SAP en ander instansies in Noordwes.**

Hieronder is 'n kort samevatting van wat gedoen word:

\* Voltooi die SAPS 271 vorm - jou aansoek sal geprosesseer word as 'n 'nuwe aansoek' - en nie 'n hernuwing nie. Dit is nie vir die applikant nodig om sy/haar vuurwapen by die SAP in te handig nie. Jou aansoek wat uitgereik is in terme van Wet 75 van 1969 is steeds geldig ingevolge 'n tussentydse interdik wat toegestaan is deur die Hooggeregshof in Pretoria in Junie 2009.



\* Saam met die afskrif van jou vaardigheidsertifikaat moet jy jou ID en 'n afskrif van die vaardigheidsertifikaat aan jou bestaande Vuurwapenlisensie heg.

\* Betaal R70 by die polisiestasie waarna 'n SAPS 523 erkenningskwitansie aan jou uitgereik sal word. ('n stel vingerafdrukke sal ook geneem word).

Die Vuurwapen Beampte moet in die regterkantste boonste hoek van die eerste bladsy van SAP 271 met 'n ROOI PEN skryf: 'NEW LISENCE': 'DID NOT RENEW'.

Die aansoek saam met jou motivering en ander bylaes sal op die SAPS-sisteem gelaai word en via die provinsiale kantore na die Sentrale Vuurwapenregister in Pretoria vir finalisering gestuur word.

## Sixth suspect arrested

**RUSTENBURG - A sixth suspect in the brutal murder of five people in Lethabong over Christmas last year, appeared in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court on Monday last week. The suspect, the 40-year-old Bongani Ntshoi was arrested on Thursday, March 25. Among the five victims was Lethabong businesswoman, Mirriam Khoza's father, Estevao Machaieie (73). Ntshoi was not asked to plea and he was denied bail. He will appear in court again soon.**

Meanwhile, North West MEC for Public Safety, Howard Yawa and an entourage that included Provincial Police Commissioner Lesetja Beetha and some divisional commissioners from SAPS head office in Pretoria, pastors and local councillors, led a Firearm Amnesty Campaign Awareness march through the streets of Lethabong on Tuesday last week to mobilise the community to report people with illegal firearms and to take a stand against violent crime involving firearms. The visit culminated in a visit to the Khoza residence, where community

members expressed their gratitude for the hard work the police put in their investigation of the murders.

Pastors from more than 100 churches from around Rustenburg supported the firearm outreach campaign in Lethabong and have committed to call for the surrendering of firearms during Easter services. The Amnesty period ends this Sunday.

Yawa said he was confident that with the support of the churches, the province would surpass its target of over 2 000 firearms which is informed by the overwhelming support it has received from various organisations, including the North West Provincial Taxi council, its regional structures and affiliates.

Yawa had earlier announced to a packed Lethabong Community Hall that so far 1 153 firearms had been removed from circulation, 1 033 through voluntary surrender and 120 recovered by police during operations since the 2010 Firearm Amnesty Campaign commenced on January 11 this year.

## Belastingbetalers: brandpunte aangeteken

**RUSTENBURG - Die Rustenburg Belastingbetalersvereniging (RBBV) hou vanaand, Donderdag 8 April, 'n komiteevergadering om verskeie knelpunte aan te teken wat aan die munisipaliteit gestuur gaan word.**

Alle opbetaalde RBBV-lede word aangemoedig om so spoedig moontlik hul probleme na die komitee deur te stuur. 'n Lys van probleme kan by Johan Schoeman (voorsitter) by die Sanlam-kantore ingehandig word of alternatiewelik kan klagtes na klagtes@rbbv.co.za gestuur word. Alle briewe, klagte-lyste en epos-klagtes moet die vereniging voor of op Woensdag, 14 April bereik.

Tydens die onlangse publieke vergadering is lede van die publiek verkeerdlik in kennis gestel dat die vergadering slegs vir geregistreerde RBBV-lede was.

Dit was nie die geval nie en die vereniging vra om verskoning vir enige misverstande en ongerief wat hierdeur veroorsaak is. Alle inwoners van Rustenburg is baie welkom om die publieke vergaderings by te woon. Die volgende vergadering sal binnekort plaasvind en die publiek word aangeraai om die Rustenburg Herout dop te hou vir meer inligting.

Vir enige inligting rakende die RBBV, skakel gerus met enige van die komiteelede: Johan Schoeman (voorsitter) - 082 455 7539; Pieter Malan (ondervoorsitter) - 082 801 5038; Connie Prinsloo (tesourier) - 072 176 4841; Johan de Klerk (sekretaris) - 082 891 3912; Joe Strydom - 082 457 9598; Charlie Graham - 082 652 3835; Hennie Joubert - 083 3240 382/014 597 1761; Jody Klue - 082 401 1966/072 298 4800; Francois Duminy - 083 231 4525; Essop Cajee en Yunus Ally - 072 684 7272.

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