

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER - FREE STATE

TUESDAY; 30 NOVEMBER 2021

POLICE CORNERED AND FATALY SHOT SUSPECTED MURDERER

Koppies: An attempted murder and murder cases were opened for further investigation, after a man suspected to have been involved in the earlier attack on the farm lost his life outside a plot in Weltevreden, Koppies on Tuesday, 30 November 2021 around 12:30.

This plot is situated in the close proximity of Bosloo farm where Mr Johan Prinsloo (73), was gunned down by his assailants earlier today.

The police members including the Tactical Response Team (TRT) and farming community were already on the lookout for the four suspects when they received a call about a man with a firearm at the neighboring plot.

Members rushed to the plot and noticed the suspect. As they approached him, he ran into the bushy forest and started shooting towards the police. The members retaliated and suspect was shot and fell under a tree where he was trying to take cover during the shooting. His other accomplices could not be found.

Paramedics were summoned to the scene and was certified dead on the scene. A pistol with two magazines were found next to his body. His identity is not known yet. He is having a tattoo on his left arm written "3M4 Jonas Mosola" and on the right hand side is written "Diphoso", which may be of assistance in tracing the next of kin to formally identify him.

The Independent Police Investigation Directorate (IPID) was informed to investigate the murder case where this suspect was shot dead, and other investigation pertaining to the murder of the farm owner and attempted murder where shots were fired towards the police, will be investigated by Koppies Detectives, for any information which can assist in tracing other suspects Sergeant Kagiso Mere can be contacted at 076 715 1597 or Branch Commander Captain Theresa Lategan at 071 473 5672. Information can also be provided to Crime Stop Nr. 08600 10111 or via MySAPS App.

"Ends".

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