## Manhunt launched after a school girl was kidnapped ransom of R50 000 demanded

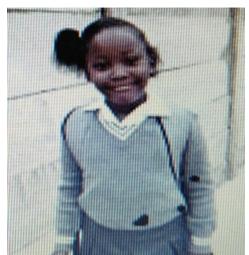
FREE STATE – The Family Violence Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit is urgently seeking community assistance in tracing an 8-year-old girl who was last seen at Mantshebo Primary School in Jerusalem Park yesterday, 21 June 2021 at 13:30. Preliminary investigations revealed that Bokamoso Shabe was abducted from school by an unknown woman. The grandmother of the child was contacted at 15:00 by an unknown man who called himself Aubrey demanding an amount of R50 000.

This morning at 08:45, the grandmother

received a call again from a woman by the name of Nthabeleng who also demanded R50 000 in cash for the safe return of the child.

On the day of her disappearance, the girl was wearing a school uniform, a white shirt, grey and white jersey, grey skirt and black shoes.

Anyone with information that will assist in tracing the suspects should please contact Warrant Officer Tshediso Qhamakoane stationed at the District FCS Unit on 082 375 6355 or call Crime Stop at 08600 10111, or alternatively send information via My SAPS App.





## Call to support the vulnerable as Mandela Day approaches



The Nelson Mandela Foundation has called on the public to honour Nelson Mandela's birthday by contributing to meeting the immediate needs of the most vulnerable communities on 18 July. "While the Mandela Day call to action remains a general call to reach out to those in need, this year, our focus will be on the challenge of food security," the Nelson Mandela Foundation said. This year, the Nelson Mandela International Day will focus on food insecurity and the culture of lawlessness.

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COVID-19 has deepened patterns of poverty and inequality.

"The numbers of people going hungry are growing. Before COVID-19, the statistics showed that one in four six-year-olds in South Africa suffered from stunting due to malnutrition."By harnessing our Each1Feed1 programme to Mandela Day and developing the 4Cans4MandelaDay campaign, we aim to ensure that basic foodstuffs reach the most vulnerable communities this July," the Nelson Mandela Foundation said in a statement on Tuesday. In the longer term, the foundation is committed to using research and advocacy capacity to address the systemic issues, which cause food insecurity in the country."We believe that getting this right is fundamental to social cohesion and respect for the rule of law." On Mandela Day, the foundation will be at the Ikageng Itereleng Aids Ministry, a social welfare centre in Soweto, Johannesburg for another Each1Feed1 distribution. Each1Feed1 is a food distribution network

championed by the foundation. It was started at the beginning of the lockdown last year to support families who have been worst affected by the challenge of food insecurity. Beneficiaries include child-

headed households, orphaned families, the elderly, people who are informally employed in the early childhood development (ECD) workforce as well as people living with disabilities.

The food pack has historically been robust and nutritious, capable of supporting a family of five for at least a month. The public is encouraged to emulate the campaign in their own ways to ensure that everyone has access to food this Mandela Day. Otherwise, we are inviting the public to donate to the campaign via our GivenGainplatform or by contributing to the Each1Feed1 #4Cans4MandelaDay call to action."

The public has been encouraged to contribute to the Each1 Feed1 food distribution network by donating non-

perishable food items at all participating malls for Mandela Day.

All participating malls will have clearly marked signage and a Mandela Day representative at the collection point where people can drop off their donations. These will be supplied to the Each1Feed1 food network for donation.

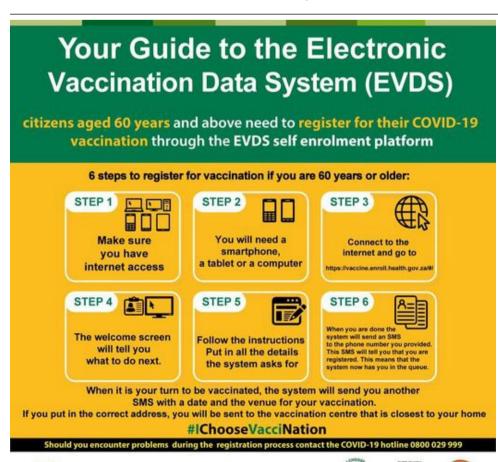
In addition, people can register on the Mandela Day Global Network on the ForGood platform.

"Here, you will find pre-vetted NGOs looking for volunteers this Mandela Month to safely donate time, skills, and resources. The ForGood platform is also an excellent portal to find 'micro volunteering' opportunities from the convenience and safety of home," said the foundation.

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