



## Five Teenagers Sought in Connection with Murder in Zamdela

Zamdela detectives are on the lookout for five male teenagers who might be able to assist in a murder investigation in Zamdela.

It is alleged that on Sunday, 11 December 2022 at about 00:58, the police were called to a murder scene near Nkgopoleng High School in the Zamdela section.

On arrival at the scene, the police noticed a man lying on the ground with two stab wounds on the chest.

During the investigation, the police were approached by an unknown male who alleged that he was driving past Nkgopoleng High School and saw about five unknown teenagers running away from the deceased and that he was left there bleeding with his trouser pockets hanging outside. The deceased was declared dead by the emergency services and identified as Mr Frank Motsile. The police are requesting that anyone who has information regarding the murder to contact Detective Warrant Officer Andre De Jager at 082 486 2539.

## ANC promises to deal with Loadshedding, Renewal, State Capacity Building, Racism, Poverty, Inequality and Unemployment



As it celebrated its 111th year in Mangaung Bloemfontein last Sunday, the ANC has promised to decisively and adequately deal with the prevailing challenges facing the people.

African National Congress President Cyril Ramaphosa said the party will deepen the unity of the ANC, intensify the efforts to end loadshedding, improve the delivery of basic service and strengthen the fight against corruption. "Loadshedding disrupts businesses, economic growth and development, food production and lawlessness is taking advantage of these conditions. We will promptly take action to address this and also build a better South Africa and a better Africa. We adopted agenda 2032, which speaks to creating a better South African and Africa.

This also talks to strengthening, driving and establishing the ANC as an ethical, resourceful formation that can deliver and marshal the

country into greener pastures".

Ramaphosa said municipalities are failing to do their jobs, hence they will now begin to intervene to make sure municipalities begin to be functional and service our people. "Racism is rearing its ugly head and we must quickly confront it because this erodes and undermines the strides we have made as a country. Renewal project of the ANC is irreversible unstoppable, and anyone who doesn't want a renewed ANC must stand back and allow the newly elected leadership, that has already demonstrated the capacity and appetite to renew and unite the ANC to forge ahead with this task. We must return Eskom's generation capacity to optimum performance. The task of ensuring that all South Africans benefit from the wealth of the country. We must change this patterns of economy that still remains in the hands of the white minority" ANC President Cyril Ramaphosa.

## Registration Deadline fast approaching for Second Chance Matric Programme

Registration for the Department of Basic Education's Second Chance Matric Programme will close on 8 February 2023. The programme is aimed at those who have not met the requirements to pass the National Senior Certificate (NSC) or the extended Senior Certificate (SC) examinations. The programme is also open to those who want to improve their results.

In reply to questions regarding the programme in the National Council of Provinces in October last year, Minister Angie Motshekga revealed that at least 400 000 learners have been assisted through the programme to "achieve their subject passes towards their NSC or SC qualification".

"The programme plays an important role in retaining learners beyond the formal schooling programme. Learners who are disappointed by their failure or poor performance at the end of their schooling career, are able to continue with their studies at their own pace.

"They are able to register for one, two or more subjects, and write the examinations either in May/June or October/November. The face-to-face centres keep learners motivated, as they prepare for their examinations. Learners migrate within provinces, seeking job opportunities and the SCMP allows learners to continue with their studies, irrespective of the province they have relocated to," she said.

Subjects that learners can register for include:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Science

- Business Studies
- Economics
- English First Additional Language
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Mathematic Literacy
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences

"The programme offers face-to-face support, online support and a wide range of learning support materials. The programme facilitates the development of learning and teaching support materials (LTSMs) that is based on diagnostic reports, so as to ensure that the support materials focus on common areas of poor performance emanating from previous examinations.

"The LTSMs are government-owned, printed and distributed to learners at no cost to the learner," Motshekga said.

To register for the programme online go to [www.eservices.gov.za](http://www.eservices.gov.za) or visit any Department of Basic Education office with an ID document and statement of results.

Community Education and Training

Those who are older and/or those who have not had the opportunity to complete matric due to various reasons and those who do not qualify for higher education can register at Community Education and Training (CET) colleges across the country.

According to the Department of Higher Education,

Science and Innovation website, the colleges are supported by some 200 community learning centres. "These colleges... target post-school youth and adults who wish to raise the base for further learning, improve their skills for employability and/or progression to opportunities in the TVET colleges and university education.

"In essence, community education and training... offer(s) programmes that contribute to improving community cohesion and social capital, and responsive to the geographic and sectoral needs and challenges," the department said. The colleges offer training and academic learning opportunities, including the General Education and Training Certificate for adults (GETC), courses in computer literacy and applied agriculture.

In his budget speech last year, Minister Blade Nzimande said at least R200 million has been committed to support CET colleges which are critical to closing South Africa's skills gap. "In addition to academic skills and occupational programmes already on offer, CET colleges will offer two new accredited programmes which are Entrepreneurship and Digital Skills programmes. "Nine Hundred CET college lecturers will be trained in accredited training programmes. We will also accredit 35 pilot community learning centres, which will be an addition to the 15 community learning centres accredited in 2021/22," he said.

More information on CETs can be obtained on the department's website.

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