

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: A MAN APPEARED IN COURT ON CHARGES OF PUBLIC VIOLENCE**

Tshepiso Monyaje (31) appeared before the Molopo Magistrates' Court in Mmabatho on charges of destruction of essential infrastructure, contravention of the National Road Traffic Act and public violence.

The court appearance follows his arrest after the eruption of public protests in and around Mahikeng on Monday, 24 May 2021. Initial reports from the police indicate that protesters barricaded two main roads, R503 between Mahikeng and Lichtenburg and N18 between Mahikeng and Vryburg near Kadirile Inn and Makhubung village. He was arrested on the N18 main road where he allegedly committed the crime.

The police initially managed to disperse the crowd but converged again to barricade the N18 as well as the R49 road in Signal Hill village with burning tyres and various other objects. They managed to disperse the crowd again and three protesters were arrested. The other two accused were since released as there was insufficient evidence to enroll their cases with the court.

Monyaje's matter was postponed to 25 June 2021 for further investigations and was granted R500 bail.

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