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**RE : ASSET FORFEITURE UNIT IN MAHIKENG GRANTED THREE
PRESERVATION ORDERS**

The Asset Forfeiture Unit in Mafikeng was granted a Preservation Order in terms of Section 38 of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act on 22 February 2018 by the North West High Court on the following matters;

- a) A Preservation order was obtained against a 2016 white Hino heavy load vehicle bearing registration number JPL 322 NW. The vehicle was used as an instrument to transport stolen calves from Bertha cattle post to the auctioneers at Vryburg with the intention to sell the calves.

The suspect was arrested for stock-theft to the value of R 120 000. 00. On 15 September 2017, Pretorius went to the auctioneers, bought calves, and left for Pretoria. He came back on 17 September 2017 to fetch the calves. On his arrival, he realised through the branding on the calves that nineteen of the calves he bought from auctioneers were actually his. It turned out that 20 calves were stolen from him.

- b) Another preservation order was obtained against a white Colt L200, 200i bearing registration numbers VDJ 006 GP that was used instrumentally to transport drugs from Rustenburg to Kempton Park in Johannesburg. Suspects were arrested approximately in the Derust R512T-junction in possession of drugs. Police discovered two big brown boxes that were filled with mandrax. The suspects made a brief appearance at the Madibeng Magistrate Court in Brits on charges of dealing and possession of drugs.
- c) The last preservation order was obtained against two Volkswagen vehicles bearing registrations JKK 006 GP and HGH 163 NW. The first vehicle was used in

commission of a well-orchestrated robbery with aggravating circumstances that occurred at a bakery in Lehurutshe. The suspects travelled with the first vehicle to the scene and used it as a get-away vehicle. They both shared the money stolen from the bakery. The owner of the first vehicle with the proceeds of crime then purchased the second vehicle. The police seized his two vehicles and the criminal trial is still proceeding at Lehurutshe Magistrates Court.

Advocate Mthuthuzeli Xozwa from AFU Mahikeng represented the state in these matters.

Kind Regards,

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