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RE: FOUR IN COURT FOR DEALING IN DAGGA

Three accused men and a woman, Russel De Beer (50), Archibold Mogale (34), Unrlrich Frits (25) and Chane Steyn (27) who is De Beers' girlfriend, appeared at the Brits Magistrates' Court on charges of dealing with dagga.

It is alleged that on 25 May 2021, dagga amounting to R2.154 million was found at De Beer's house and his shop in Van Velden Street in Brits. It is further alleged that during an entrapment coordinated by the police on the same day, Mogale sold 11 bags of dagga worth R50 000 to an undercover police agent. Before his arrest yesterday, Mogale sold 6 kg of dagga worth R35 000 on two separate occasions to a police agent.

It is alleged that Steyn and Frits are working for De Beers at his shop. It is further alleged that on two separate occasions, the two sold dagga to an undercover police agent.

In November 2019, De Beer was arrested for the same offence of dealing with dagga weighing 840 kg at his shop. The total value of the dagga calculated on the bases of his own price of R15 00 a gram amounted to a value of R 12.6 million rand. The matter was struck off the roll in 2020 due to Covid- 19 related circumstances.

All the dagga sold to a police agent were part of an entrapment.

The court granted the four bail. De Beer and Mogale were each granted bail of R100 000, while Steyn was granted bail of R10 000 and Frits bail of R5000 00.

The bail conditions are that they should report to their nearest police station every Friday before 19h00. Mogale was also ordered to hand his passport to the investigation officer.

The matter was postponed to 09 July 2021 for further investigation.

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