

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: MAN APPEARS IN COURT FOR MURDER**

The Moretele Magistrates' Court postponed the murder case against Samuel John Noko (34) to 17 June 2021 for further investigations.

Noko who is facing a charge of murder and defeating the ends of justice, allegedly murdered Monni Monyeki (29) and buried her in a shallow grave near a river at Mathibestad.

Monyeki was reported missing on 29 May 2021 and at that time the last person she was seen with was Noko, who is allegedly his boyfriend. The two allegedly left together to perform some rituals and shortly afterwards, Noko was spotted pushing Monyeki in a wheelbarrow after she had consumed a substance that made her dizzy. Following this incident she allegedly never showed up at her home.

Police investigations led them to the accused, who on 12 June 2021, pointed them to a shallow grave where he had buried Monyeki with some of her body parts missing.

An additional charge of rape may also be added against Noko, owing to the alleged crime being reported to the police by a 14-year-old girl. The rape incident allegedly took place at the time when Monyeki was missing.

Noko will remain in police custody until his next court appearance.

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