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RE: MAN DENIED BAIL FOR KIDNAPPING AND EXTORTION

The Atteridgeville Magistrates' Court denied Thabang Mokoena (23) bail application today. Mokoena is facing charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances, kidnapping, possession of dangerous weapon and extortion.

It is alleged that on 14 September 2021, a 30-year-old female, Tumisang Mokgatle was approached by Mokoena and a male accomplice driving a VW Jetta after dropping her child at a crèche in Wespark, Pretoria West. The two males presented themselves to her as members of the SAPS Tracing Unit. They indicated that a Polo Vivo motor vehicle belonging to the victim had a twin-vehicle that had been used in various robberies in the area.

Mokoena and his accomplice then told Mokgatle that they were taking her VW Polo Vivo to Hartbeespoort Police station for verification. One of them drove her car and on their way, they tied Mokgatle up and put her on the boot of the vehicle. They later dumped her Polo Vivo motor vehicle at Hartbeespoort Dam and was later found by the police on the same day.

It is alleged that the two called Mokgatle's brother, a practicing attorney in Pretoria demanding R500 000-00 ransom money. On 15 September 2021, police received intelligence information that the victim was kept at Kgabalatsane, North-West Province. The police followed up on the information and found the victim tied in a certain house in Kgabalatsane. Mokoena was found with the victim in possession of a toy gun.

The state argued during the bail application that the court should not grant Mokoena-bail because of the seriousness of his offence and the fact that there are suspects that are yet to be arrested in relation to this matter.

The accused also did not testify in support of his bail application therefore the court said Mokoena failed to prove that exceptional circumstances exist which in the interest of justice permit his release on bail. Therefore, his bail was denied.

The matter was postponed to 13 October 2021 for first appearance at regional court E.

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