

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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

A 28-year-old woman appeared before the Garankuwa Magistrates Court for allegedly murdering her one-month-old baby and abandoning her body in a river.

The matter was postponed to 19 July 2021 for bail application.

Miemie Mokoena (25), allegedly called police to her home in Itsoseng phase 2, near Hebron on 26 June 2021 and registered a case of kidnapping. She allegedly told the police that two men armed with a knife and a firearm accosted her at her shack and took her baby away. The two were allegedly looking for her lover.

Preliminary police reports revealed that on 27 June 2021, a young girl walking past a small river in Hebron, spotted a lifeless body of an infant floating in the water. She then reported the matter to members of the community, who later alerted the police.

Upon conducting an intensive investigation, police went to interrogate Mokoena and she confessed to committing the crime. She is being charged for murder, perjury and defeating the ends of justice.

Mokoena will remain in police custody until her next court appearance.

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