

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: WSU STUDENT IN COURT FOR ATTACKING POLICE DURING PROTEST**

Walter Sisulu University (WSU) student, Mfuneko Mankengana (24) has been remanded in custody until next week Thursday, 28 April, after he appeared briefly at the Mthatha Magistrates' Court.

He faces charges of damage to essential infrastructure, public violence, malicious injury to property and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mankengana was arrested on Tuesday, 20 April, following a violent protest on Monday near the WSU's, Nelson Mandela Drive, Mthatha Campus.

The student is alleged to have been part of a group of student protesters who attacked members of the SAPS and burnt an armoured police vehicle, Inyala, with two police officers inside.

During Mankengana's brief court appearance earlier today, the prosecutor applied for postponement in order to do Mankengana's profiling and verification of his address.

The court granted the postponement and the student's formal bail application is expected to be heard also on Thursday, next week.

The state will be opposing bail.

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