

## Hankey attack, suspect reappears in court

The 32 year-old suspect, arrested in connection with an attack on a woman in a house just outside Hankey around midnight on 23 March appeared in the Hankey Magistrates' Court on 10 May, on a string of serious crime charges including attempted murder and assault.

The suspect appeared on charges of house robbery, attempted murder x 4; kidnapping x 4; rape; illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition; theft and aggravated robbery. He was not granted bail and will remain in jail until his next court appearance. Police said the case was remanded for further investigation.

The man's name is not being released by the SAPS until he has pleaded.

Previously this paper reported the following...

On 28 March 2018 the Provincial Organised Crime Investigation (OCI) unit, with the assistance of Palmietfontein detectives, arrested

the suspect in Kwa Guna administrative area in the Nketlana location, a few kilometres from the Lesotho border. Some of the property taken from the Hankey house of the victim was recovered.

The man was arrested on charges of attempted murder (x4), rape, illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition, robbery with aggravated circumstances, theft and indecent assault.

The SAPS report also says the Provincial OCI unit in Port Elizabeth worked around the clock following up on leads relating to the attack. The report further says it is alleged the woman and children were attacked in their house by a gun wielding suspect. During the ordeal, the woman was shot and money was withdrawn from an ATM.

The SAPS said that during the course of the investigation, several persons of interest were questioned but later released.

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## CRIME SCENE HIGHLIGHTS



### Stolen Eskom poles, five arrests

Police arrested five people earlier this month in connection with stolen Eskom poles found at a Sea Vista house in St Francis Bay.

At around 3 pm, 9 May, police acting on information received earlier, obtained a search warrant and raided the house in Elf Street in a St Francis Bay suburb and recovered the poles.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a total of 50 poles were stolen from the Eskom site on the R330 near Sea Vista two months ago.

The suspects, 24-30 years of age, will appear in the Humansdorp Magistrate's Court today on charges of theft and possession of suspected stolen property.

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## Suspect arrester for murder of ex girlfriend's new boyfriend

A 26 year-old suspect, Thamsanqa Duma, was arrested by the SAPS on 30 April in connection with the murder of Bongani Magqaza who was stabbed to death on 28 April in the St Francis Bay suburb of Sea Vista.

Duma appeared in the Humansdorp Magistrates Court on 3 May and the case was postponed to 7 May for a bail application.

Original post on 29 April:

Jalous man kills his ex's new boyfriend in St Francis Bay  
St Francis Bay - Bongani Magqaza, 41, of Sea Vista suburb in St Francis Bay was fatally stabbed to death yesterday, 28 April, by a jealous ex-lover at about 7.30 pm.

It is alleged Magqaza was walking with his girlfriend in Makriel Street

when a suspect attacked and fatally stabbed him in the upper body. The girlfriend confirmed Magqaza was

stabbed by her former lover.

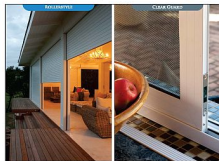
The suspect is still at large, but his arrest is imminent, the SAPS says.

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