

## METSIMAHOLO WELCOMES ROBBERY KINGPIN'S SENTENCE

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The Metsimaholo Local Municipality has welcomed the sentence handed down to 22-year-old crime kingpin, Lehlohonolo Mofokeng, who masterminded a series of armed robberies that occurred in the municipality last year.

Mofokeng's trail of hold-ups saw him rampantly rob the municipality and local businesses, including those where he was employed as a security guard.

According to the municipality's communications manager, Gino Alberts, the administration is relieved that justice had taken its course; especially given that Mofokeng's attack on the municipality had left some employees so shaken they had to undergo trauma counselling.

"We welcome the outcome of the court proceedings. We had to make sure that the victims received the best treatment available because the assault took place right in our building.

"You will recall that they lost their cell phones, money and laptops at a gun point; we believe they too are gratified at the news. We can assure our colleagues that we have upgraded our security system so we don't experience the same thing again.

"We applaud the job well done by our police officials and everyone who contributed to the guilty man being brought to book. This proves that our police work hard. It also means we can trust our courts of law for sending out a clear message that crime will not be tolerated in our country," added Alberts.

Mofokeng was employed by the company contracted by the municipality to provide security services. He was sentenced to six years in jail; while his accomplices, Benny Nkopane and Sithembile Mulwa, will remain behind bars pending their sentencing on May 22.

The court heard that the trio had collectively unleashed a reign of terror which saw them robbing many businesses around Sasolburg. An undisclosed amount of cash, as well as mobile phones and laptop computers were stolen in Mokoena's trail of robberies.

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