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DEPUTY PRESIDENT PROMOTES CLEAN CITIES CAMPAIGN IN WELKOM

Deputy President Honourable Paul Mashatile recently highlighted the Clean Cities and Towns campaign in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality in Welkom, Free State. This initiative, launched last month in Gauteng, aims to promote cleaner, greener, and more inclusive urban spaces by encouraging communities to come together for regular clean-up efforts across townships and villages.

The Clean Cities and Towns campaign goes beyond just cleanliness; it embodies a holistic approach that fosters

community pride, volunteerism, and sustainable living practices. It serves as a call to action for citizens to take responsibility for their environment and work collaboratively to build healthier communities.

During his visit, Deputy President Mashatile received a warm welcome from the Free State Premier, Hon. MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae, along with members of the Executive Council (MECs), Matjhabeng Executive Mayor Cllr. Thanduxolo Khalipha, and Lejweleputswa District Executive

Mayor Cllr. Veronica Ntakumbana. This event underscored the local leadership's commitment to the campaign's objectives.

Deputy President Mashatile toured the Tetra4 Helium Gas Plant in Virginia and the Thabong Wastewater Treatment Works as part of his itinerary. These visits were crucial for leading an integrated service delivery and cleaning campaign. He engaged with various stakeholders to assess the progress of key infrastructure projects, highlighting the government's dedication to

improving service delivery and creating sustainable solutions to environmental challenges.

The Clean Cities and Towns campaign represents a vital step towards fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among residents, inspiring them to actively participate in enhancing their communities. The collaborative efforts of local leaders and citizens are essential for driving this initiative forward, ensuring that the vision of cleaner, greener, and more inclusive urban spaces becomes a reality.





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LEGAL CORNER

Understanding Physical Assault in South African Law: Definition, Types, and Legal Recourse

By Advocate Sephiri Moshodi Executive Director: Justice Equality Foundation

In South Africa, physical assault is a serious crime with strong legal repercussions for anyone found guilty. Assault is defined by law as the wilful and illegal use of force against another individual or creating the impression that force will be used.

Assault Types:

Common Assault: Intentional infliction of minor physical harm or injury by minor scuffles, pushing, or slapping without aggravating circumstances as well as abuse of words.

Assault with Intent to Cause Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH): More severe harm, including the use of weapons or severe injuries, with the goal of seriously hurting someone else.

The following conditions must be met in order to establish assault:

Intention: The accused meant to intimidate or touch without permission. The victim's reasonable fear of immediate physical harm stemmed from the accused's statements or actions.

Lack of Consent: The victim did not provide permission for the harm or physical contact to occur.

How to File a Case for Physical Assault:

To initiate a case, adhere to following procedures:

1. Report the Incident: Contact the closest police station to report the attack.

2. Provide Evidence: Offer as much proof as you can, such as;

Personal Identification which includes a current driver's license, passport, or ID.

Incident Details: A thorough description of what happened. Photographs, documents, videos, or destroyed property are examples of physical evidence.

Witness Information: Witness statements and contact information. **Medical Reports:** A J88 form filled out by a medical practitioner or medical reports.

3. Investigation: The police will collect evidence and look into the occurrence.

4. Court Proceedings: The matter will be referred to court for indictment if the National Prosecuting Authority chooses to pursue prosecution.

The seriousness of the offence and the circumstances surrounding the incident determine the penalties for assault in South Africa.

Penalties may include a fine less than R10,000.

Suspension: Two years in prison, with possible suspension

Compensation: Courts have the authority to mandate that offenders reimburse victims for whatever harm or losses they have sustained.

There are various ways for assault victims to pursue justice:

Reporting the Incident: Inform the police about the assault so they can look into it.

Protection Order: Visit the closest Magistrate's Court to request a protection order.

Civil Lawsuit: Bring a civil suit for damages against the offender.

Conclusion:
In South Africa, physical assault is a serious

offence that carries severe legal penalties for those convicted. People can better navigate the legal system and pursue justice if they have been assaulted if they are aware of the definition, categories, and punishments of assault. Victims can hold offenders responsible and seek damages by reporting instances, presenting proof, and seeking legal action.

The writer is the Executive Director of Justice Equality Foundation.



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2nd Annual Motivational Outreach Program spreads to Lejweleputswa

In a landmark celebration of Youth Month, Kwa Zangwa Networks (PTY) LTD, a pioneering youth-owned institution, orchestrated a transformative Youth Leadership Workshop on the esteemed Central University of Technology (CUT) Welkom Campus. This dynamic initiative, tailored specifically for RCL Presidents and Secretaries from high schools in the Lejweleputswa District, yielded remarkable results and profoundly impacted the participating students. The workshop's success was made possible through the invaluable support and sponsorship of key stakeholders, including the Central University of Technology - Free State, under the visionary leadership of Prof Mzikayise Binza, Dr Tlale-Mkhize, and Mr Ntuthuko Myaka; the Department of Education in Free State, guided by Mama P.P Zonke, the Lejweleputswa District Director; the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, led by Mama Veronica Ntankumbana, the Executive Mayor; Mophatong FM, under the stewardship of Mr Sello Nkoala, the Station Manager; Founder of Miss Goldfields Pageant, Mrs Val Tower Gutter; Legends Barbershop,

led by Mr Lebohang Malokase; Kasi Voice News, led by Mr Thomas Lethoba; The Creatives, led by Mr Neo Bob; and other notable African Beauty organizations such as The Face of Welkom, The Face of Mr & Miss Matjhabeng, CUT Mr & Miss Wellness, Miss Great Banquet, She Modeling Agency, Senior Youth Free State President and Miss South Africa Heritage. Through a series of meticulously crafted sessions, Grade 12 RCL Members were empowered with the skills and knowledge to unlock their full potential and drive meaningful change in their communities. The workshop's strategic focus on RCL leaders from the Lejweleputswa District ensured that the next generation of leaders was equipped to catalyze positive transformation in their schools and beyond. Kwa Zangwa Networks (PTY) LTD's profound understanding of the needs and aspirations of young people was evident in the workshop's thoughtful design and execution, which prioritized the learners' voices and perspectives. The organization's leadership and vision were exemplified in the

meaningful interactions between learners and esteemed facilitators, including Mr Bernard Matsoso, a PhD Candidate in Education at Deakin University, Australia. His doctoral research focuses on Inclusive Practices for Students with Disabilities in Rural South African Universities. The workshop's coincidence with Youth Month added significant depth to the proceedings, underscoring the critical importance of investing in the youth and providing them with the opportunities and support necessary to thrive. The overwhelmingly positive response from the students was a testament to the workshop's profound impact, with many attendees expressing heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to engage with like-minded peers and learn from experienced facilitators.

Following the motivational sessions, the workshop transitioned to the Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Building (P-Block), where learners could explore university, college, and bursary applications. The students were thrilled to utilize the state-of-the-art CUT IT Computer Labs, leveraging the resources to take tangible steps towards securing their academic futures. Through this landmark initiative, Kwa Zangwa Networks (PTY) LTD has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to empowering the youth and fostering a culture of leadership and innovation. As the organization continues to impact the community, its efforts are poised to inspire a new generation of young leaders, shaping a brighter future for all.



Minister commends completed Welbedacht pipeline project

By Dan Xangaza
Challenges include community disruptions, landowners refusing to grant access, and equipment vandalism. Following the final completion of the project, the pipeline was thoroughly tested in 2024. The pipeline project will supply potable water to an estimated 81 236 households. Water and Sanitation Minister Pemmy Majodina said the Welbedacht Pipeline phase 1 project will augment the water supply and enhance reliable water provision in Mangaung and surrounding areas. She handed over the project to Vaal Central Water in Bloemfontein. Deputy Minister of Police, Cassel Mathale, Free State Premier MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae, Free State MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Human Settlements, Saki Mokoena, and the Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro, Gregory Nthatsi, accompanied Minister Majodina. The pipeline project, funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation through its Regional Bulk Infrastructure grant of R595 744 836.70, entailed replacing ageing concrete water pipes with steel pipes between Welbedacht and

Bloemfontein. The aging infrastructure caused disruptions in the water supply to Mangaung Metro due to frequent bursts and leaks. The Department of Water and Sanitation undertook the pipeline project with Vaal Central Water and Mangaung Metro. Minister Majodina called on Mangaung Metro to constantly ensure the maintenance and operation of the infrastructure to guarantee future water security. She also mentioned that the second phase of the project will be implemented. It will focus on constructing a 105 km, 1200mm diameter bypass pipeline from Lieuwkop Chamber to the Welbedacht Water Treatment Works. "This is a huge project that will bring change in the lives of the people of Mangaung as far as water supply is concerned. The municipality should therefore ensure that operations and maintenance of the project is done to ensure water looking forward to complete the entire project, including the Gariep Dam project which entails pipeline construction from Gariep Dam to Bloemfontein", said Majodina. The Executive Mayor of Mangaung

Metro Municipality Gregory Nthatsi commended the Department of Water and Sanitation for constantly supporting the municipality to enhance water supply services. The Executive Mayor also called on the communities to use water sparingly and care for water and sanitation infrastructures. "We want to convey our sincerest gratitude to the Minister and the Department of Water and Sanitation

for the gift of this magnitude that will serve the people of Mangaung. This project will ease some of our burden as the municipality. I would also like to reiterate the clarion call you have made to our community to take care of this infrastructure and protect it against vandalism. We as the municipality, wish to state that we are giving the challenge of water supply the necessary attention," said Nthatsi.



MATJHABENG SERVICE DELIVERY SUMMIT HELD AT FREDDIE MEYER HALL

The Matjhabeng Local Municipality has officially convened its Service Delivery Summit at the Freddie Meyer Hall in Welkom, bringing together many stakeholders in a concerted effort to address service delivery challenges and forge collaborative solutions.

The summit, an essential fixture in the municipality's governance calendar, provides a platform for robust dialogue among government departments, community structures, and the private sector. Among the key institutions delivering presentations are the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Department of Water and Sanitation, Department of Education Lejweleputswa, South African Police Service (SAPS), South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Renergen, Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, Thabo Mbeki Foundation, and the host municipality, Matjhabeng Local Municipality.

The gathering has drawn a diverse and influential audience, including Members of the Mayoral Committee, Ward Councillors, Ward Committees, Institutions of Higher Education, Faith-Based Organisations, Traditional Leaders, representatives from the Business

Community, Community Leaders, School Governing Bodies (SGBs), Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs), and other stakeholders across the Matjhabeng region.

The Matjhabeng Local Municipality seeks to foster transparency, strengthen partnerships, and reaffirm its commitment to responsive and accountable governance through this summit. The summit is expected to culminate in actionable resolutions to enhance the quality and sustainability of public services delivered to communities.



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The ANCYL Free State Youth Unemployment March: A Call for Action and Accountability

The African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) Free State chapter spearheaded a significant Youth Unemployment March on June 30th, commemorating Youth Month, culminating at the Provincial Government Offices. This march marked a pivotal moment as the youth gathered to voice their concerns regarding the escalating youth unemployment crisis in the province. The march culminated in the formal handover of a Memorandum of Demands to the Premier of the Free State, outlining urgent requests for intervention and support. The march witnessed a strong turnout from various youth organizations, including the Congress of South African Students (COSAS), the South African Students' Congress (SASCO), COSATU Young Workers, the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) Youth Desk, the Young Communist League (YCL), the South African Youth Council (SAYC), and a coalition of non-


governmental organizations (NGOs) from across the province. This united front emphasized the collective call for action, accountability, and a strategic response to the youth unemployment crisis, which has become a pressing issue affecting the future of many young South Africans. Prominent figures in attendance included the ANCYL 2nd Deputy Secretary General, Comrade Olga Seate, ANCYL National Organiser, Comrade Thabo Mofokeng, and National Executive Committee (NEC) member, Comrade Avuyile Xabadiya. Their presence underscored the importance of youth engagement in political discourse and the necessity of addressing the younger generation's critical issues. The message from the youth was clear: "We want jobs, dignity, and a future!" This rallying cry encapsulated the aspirations of countless young individuals who are eager for meaningful employment opportunities that will allow them to contribute positively to society and secure their livelihoods.



In addition, ANCYL Free State continues to advocate for the rights and needs of the youth. The march serves as a reminder of the power of collective action in pursuing social justice and economic empowerment. The time for action is now, and the youth of the Free State are determined to ensure that their voices are heard and their demands addressed. The government and relevant stakeholders must respond decisively to this call, paving the way for a brighter future for all young South Africans.



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GETTING YOUTH TO MANAGE THEIR MONEY BETTER

Last month, as South Africa commemorated Youth Month, many students may have felt they deserved to celebrate. However, according to a survey done by Old Mutual in partnership with South Africa's TVET colleges, many students are battling to repay their debt, with 14% skipping classes due to financial difficulty. Old Mutual's Head of Financial Education, John Manyike, highlights the dire need for intervention.

Although most students (72%) are confident in managing their finances, the overwhelming majority (78%) don't know how to budget appropriately. This is one of the core findings of a survey conducted by Old Mutual among 727 students between the ages of 18 and 25 at Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges across the country as part of its Financial Wellbeing Programme.

The survey found that 52% of students confirmed that they have a budget but don't always stick to it, while 25.7% admitted that they don't have time to budget. Only 22% of respondents managed to have a budget and stick to it.

"The survey findings show a marked discrepancy between students' perception and reality," comments John Manyike, Head of Financial Education at Old Mutual. "While most students feel they are in control of their money, the fact that the majority of them don't budget properly would indicate otherwise."

Another key standout from the survey is that 11% of a smaller sample group of 249 students have some debt, with 20% of these students indicating that they are not coping with their debt. Over 14% of those surveyed said they sometimes or often miss classes due to financial difficulty.

"This is one of the crucial messages we emphasise in our training – the importance of driving down bad debt and using good debt wisely," asserts Manyike. "Unfortunately, many young people feel that they don't have a good handle on their debt and need help understanding how to gain control of it."

A further insight from the survey is that only 28% of respondents save regularly. "Protecting and investing your wealth is another lifelong habit that we highlight in our training," he says. "Again, students need help in this area. Many feel they don't have enough money to save or invest, but the truth is that the earlier you start your investment journey, the better – and every little bit counts."

While the baseline data show concerning trends in budgeting, saving and debt management, the research proves that even short interventions can build real financial capability among the youth. In the pre-assessment survey,



students reported being only 41% financially confident; post-training, this figure improved to 57%. Similarly, only 28% of respondents said they were financially informed before the training, while in the post-assessment survey, 48% said they believed the training had improved their financial knowledge. "This makes a strong case for the value of financial education in helping young people make informed decisions and build financial resilience," concludes Manyike.

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Controversy surrounds the return of Bloemfontein Celtic amid ownership disputes

The potential revival of Bloemfontein Celtic, affectionately known as Phunya Sele Sele, is generating significant buzz in the South African football community. However, the effort to bring the beloved club back to life is shrouded in controversy, particularly regarding ownership rights and the future of the club's identity.

The backdrop of this unfolding drama involves a consortium linked to Sports Minister Gayton McKenzie, which is reportedly interested in acquiring SuperSport United, a club currently on the market. This acquisition is part of a broader initiative to restore Bloemfontein Celtic's former glory after the club's Premier Soccer League status was sold to Royal AM in 2021.

At the center of the controversy is Eddie Modise, a Free State businessman who purchased the naming rights of Bloemfontein Celtic from former owner Max Tshabalala. Modise has firmly stated that the iconic name "Phunya Sele Sele" cannot be utilized without his consent, raising questions about the legitimacy of any potential revival efforts seeking to reclaim the club's original identity.

In light of this dispute, there are indications that the consortium may pivot towards establishing a new entity, tentatively named Celtic United or Siwelele Football Club, should they purchase SuperSport United. This move could effectively sidestep the legal and branding challenges of Modise's ownership of the original naming rights.

The emergence of a new club presents both opportunities and challenges. While it could provide a fresh start for supporters yearning for the return of competitive football in Bloemfontein, it also risks fracturing the legacy and history associated with the original Bloemfontein Celtic. Fans of the club have expressed mixed feelings, torn between their affection for the historic name and the desire for a competitive team to represent them in the league.

Clear communication and resolution among the parties involved are paramount as the situation develops. The future of Bloemfontein Celtic, whether under its traditional name or a new identity, hinges on negotiations that respect the club's heritage while embracing the changing landscape of South African football.

In conclusion, the revival of Phunya Sele Sele is underway. Still, the chaos surrounding ownership rights and naming disputes must be resolved to ensure a smooth transition into the Premier Soccer League. The stakeholders involved must prioritize the fans' interests and the sport's integrity as they navigate these complex waters.





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