



MARULENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY LED BY CLLR TSHEKO MUSOLWA SUPPORTED MALEPE FAMILY AT LENYENYE MAGISTRATE COURT.

A man accused of killing a woman and her daughter at The Oaks Village on the night of 29 December 2023 appeared briefly at Lenyenye Magistrate Court on the 09 January 2024 at 10H00. Mothupi Tau appeared in a packed court room, Tau is facing two counts of murder, two of rape and armed robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Tau allegedly attacked and stabbed the two women at their home. Hellen Malepe told her sister before she succumbed to her injuries that they were attacked by Tau. Tau was arrested at a hiking spot in The Oaks while allegedly trying to run away from the scene. Community members say Tau must not be released on bail.

Maruleng Municipality Mayor, Cllr Tsheko Musolwa was present in court to support the Malepe family of the deceased. The mayor was accompanied by the Speaker of council, Cllr Blantina Raganya, the Chief whip, Cllr Happy Thobejane, Exco members, ward and PR councillors.

The Mayor says the incident is devastating and not managed can deter tourists from visiting the area. The Mayor says the municipality is a tourism hub for tourists, He says such kind of incidents will not be tolerated

The Mayor says the incident will create an impression of unsafe environment for the community and the perpetrator must not be given the latitude to conduct such dispeakable crimes and still walk free. It is of outmost importance that the victims and the community at large know that the leadership will ensure such does not become a norm in our areas.