

MEDIA STATEMENT

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POLICE INVESTIGATING DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS AT MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

Polokwane Municipality confirms that human remains were discovered within the vicinity of one of its municipal cemeteries and that the matter has been reported to the South African Police Service (SAPS) for urgent investigation.

Preliminary information indicates that the remains were found in a bushy area within the cemetery premises and not in proximity to any marked graves.

SAPS has since attended the scene and has initiated a formal investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the discovery.

Polokwane Executive Mayor, Cllr Makoro John Mpe said: “We are deeply concerned by this discovery and we extend our appreciation to the police and other role players for their swift response and ongoing investigation. At this stage, we urge the public to allow the authorities the space to conduct their work with the necessary care and professionalism. It is important that we avoid speculation and allow verified facts to guide our understanding of this matter. Our thoughts are with all those who may be affected and we will communicate further details once they have been formally confirmed by the relevant authorities.”

The municipality is fully cooperating with law enforcement authorities and will continue to provide any necessary support to ensure that the investigation proceeds without hindrance.

Members of the public are urged to remain calm and to refrain from speculation or the circulation of unverified information while the investigation is underway.

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