

Fstate Farmers' Alleged Killer In Court

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The case against a Lesotho citizen arrested in connection with the murder of two Free State farmers was postponed in the Viljoenskroon Magistrate's Court, a police spokesman said on Thursday.

Moeketsi Mokoena, 25, was earlier referred for observation to the Bloemfontein Psychiatric Centre.

Free State police spokesman Maselela Langa said Mokoena's case appeared before court, but was postponed to Friday, when the court would hear his psychiatric report.

Mokoena, who claimed he was a traditional doctor, was arrested on the farm of Jan van Wyk, 82, at Vierfontein, by members of Free State Agriculture's rural safety organisation in April, after neighbours suspected something was wrong.

It was reported that Mokoena was found sweeping the veranda and making food on Van Wyk's farm when the organisation's members found him. Van Wyk's mutilated body was found in the dining room of the house.

Mokoena was also accused of killing another Vierfontein farmer, Basie Venter, 65, less than 24 hours earlier. Venter's wife, Mary, 68, apparently watched through a window as her husband was attacked with an iron rod.

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