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MAN'S BODY RECOVERED FROM THE RIVER

MOŠATE: The members of Mahwelereng South African Police Services and the community members of Mošate and Sekgakgapheng have this afternoon recovered the body of a 34 years old man who drowned in the Ngwaditše River on Friday afternoon (15 January 2016).

According to the information received, Lesiba Phillip Seanego (34) fell in the river and was swept away by the water while he was in company of his two friends. This tragic incident happened after a heavy rainfall. It is alleged that the trio were crossing the bridge when Seanego met his untimely death.

The search of the body by the Anglo Mine and SAPS divers, Mogalakwena Municipality Fire and rescue team and the community began after the incident until his body was recovered this afternoon (Monday) through lead efforts by the uncle of the deceased.

Before the body was recovered, the Mogalakwena Municipality Mayor Parks Sebatjane, Chief Whip Cllr Staff Tsebe and Ward Councillor Mashala have, this morning, visited the scene of the incident and the Seanego family to empathise with them and also to assure them that the body will be recovered as there are dedicated men and women on site.

After the body was recovered Mayor Sebatjane addressed community members before the body was taken to the morgue by the Limpopo Province Forensic Pathology Services and he said, "We empathise with the Seanego family, it is sad but we must thank the almighty God that the body was recovered. We thank the family for allowing and giving space to the authorities, divers and everyone who were involved in the search for the body."

"We also thank members of the community who worked tirelessly with the searching team, they have played an important role. Their participation affirms unity of purpose meant a lot to us, it shows *Ubuntu* and proves that united we stand, divided we fall," continued Mayor Sebatjane.

Mayor Sebatjane called on members of the community to be vigilant in times of raging storm water and encouraged parents to warn children not to cross or play near rivers for their own safety.

Mayor Sebatjane advised the elders to follow suit as it is not safe to cross the river or overflowing water until it is safe or clear to cross. Mayor Sebatjane urged that community members to avoid as far as possible living in flood lines that are at constant risk during rainy seasons.

In conclusion Mayor Sebatjane called on all to support the family during this difficult moment of bereavement.

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