

## **WARNING ON ESCALATING JOBS SCAM IN MOKOPANE**

**MOKOPANE:** It has come to our attention that unsolicited scam of e-mails, phone calls and text messages are being sent from a person who identifies himself as an agent of Mogalakwena Municipality. This man claims to Mr Khomotso Bontsi and lately identifies him as Mr Stephen Baloyi from Mogalakwena Municipality's Human Resource Department.

This person is offering people false employment opportunities and tells job seekers to deposit R1 000.00 to a bank account or store known to the municipality in order to defraud them of money.

We are taking this matter extremely seriously, we are working with the members of South African Police Services to bring the fraudsters into book. An investigation will be launched to establish if these culprit is not working with the municipal officials following the recent incidents which raise suspicions.

The Mogalakwena Local Municipality Acting Municipal Manager, Mr Kenneth Maluleka urges members of the public seeking employment to be wary of fake job advertisement that has been increasing since the second week of January 2019.

"We would like to take this opportunity to remind the community members that the municipality will never use text messages or emails to prospective job seekers or request them to pay money prior the interviews (sell jobs). If this happens to you kindly note that it is a scam. We urge members of the public with the information to alert the police and Human Resource Department," said Maluleka.