Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspects' Ford

The remaining suspects were arrested after police found three

firearms, ammunition, explosive and housebreaking equipment

The assailants appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court

on Monday, 18 February, on charges of conspiracy to commit

a crime, the illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and

Ranger was hijacked in Bedfordview in December 2018.

# Ford Ranger –

An intelligence-led operation by police in the Brits Cluster resulted in the arrest of five suspects on Saturday 16 February. The suspects were allegedly conspiring to bomb an automated teller machine (ATM) in Marikana.

According to police spokesperson lieutenant colonel Amanda Funani, the Police received a community tipoff and acted swiftly. They located the suspects at Tornado Section, Bapong village near Mooinooi. A Toyota Avanza and a Blue Ford Ranger was found at the premises.

An unknown number of suspects sped off from the scene in the



The suspects had housebreaking equipment with them.



in their possession.

Illegal ammunition that was found on the suspects.



The stolen Ford Ranger in which the suspects fled.

## **HOME OWNER CATCHES BURGLARS RED HANDED**

Rustenburg – On Friday morning, 15 February, a home owner entered his premises and immediately realised that he was not alone.

He immediately summoned the Police, who arrived within minutes. Two suspects entered his property, in Marais street Rustenburg, and gained access to his house in broad daylight. According to police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, the thieves gained access to the house by breaking a window, but were interrupted before they could escape with the stolen goods.

Thanks to the rapid response of the Police, one of the suspects were apprehended and is now in police custody on charges of house robbery.



The suspect in police custody.



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The stolen items left by the suspects.

CRIMINALS,

commenced in October 2018 at five policing clusters in the province, led to seizure of 42

firearms and the apprehension of 1,746 suspects

The firearms were seized from suspects during

various operations that were conducted to bring

Suspects were arrested for offences such as murder, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH), rape, the illegal possession of firearms, possession of stolen goods, drunken driving, and many others including liquor and traffic

Of the 1,746 suspects, 469 were arrested in

Klerksdorp, 359 in Rustenburg, 381 in Mahikeng,

496 in Brits and 41 in Pudimoe and Vryburg. The

Stabilisation operations that



North West -

for various offences.

related offences.

down the levels of crime.

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operations also led to the recovery of stolen copper cables, televisions, cell phones, laptops, explosive equipment, gas bottles, dangerous weapons such as knives and pangas as well as various drugs. According to police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, these operations will continue until March this year, and the number of successful arrests is expected to rise. The North West Provincial commissioner lieutenant

general Baile Motswenyane commended the police and other role players for their concerted effort that resulted in the arrest of the suspects as well as confiscated illegal firearms and other goods.

She said that while multi-disciplinary operations continue to stabilise crime and ensure that

perpetrators are brought to book, it is vital that members of the community work

together with the police through structures such as Community Police Forums (CPFs) on a journey to a safer South





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