

For immediate release

DATE: 6th September 2016

15h00

MEDIA STATEMENT

ALL NEWS EDITORS

Newly Built RDP Houses Badly Damaged

Mogale City Local Municipality and the South African Police Services today conducted a preliminary assessment of the damage caused yesterday by rioting land invaders at Kagiso Extension 13.

In excess of 110 newly-built RDP houses suffered various degrees of damage after land invaders ran amok after their shacks were demolished in Kagiso Extension 17.

Five houses were petrol bombed, others had windows and doors broken, taps removed and bathtubs were damaged. The municipality will know the full extent of the damage once the contractor has finalised the assessment.

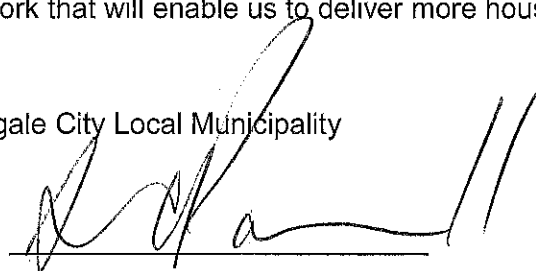
The South African Police Services confirmed this afternoon that one suspect has been taken into custody whilst others are on the run. The municipality has opened a case of malicious damage to property and we are encouraged by the swift arrest effected by the SAPS and trust that the perpetrators will soon face the full might of the law.

We will work with the Gauteng Provincial Government and the West Rand District Municipality to ensure that the houses are allocated to deserving beneficiaries. We will also complete all outstanding work that will enable us to deliver more houses to the people of Mogale City.

Ends

Issued by Mogale City Local Municipality

Signed off:



**Cllr Lynn Pannall
Executive Mayor**

Media enquiries: Nkosana Zali, Spokesperson (011)668-0500 and 0834332908 or nkosana.zali@mogalecity.gov.za