

Media Release

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GRAVES VANDALISED AT LETABA CEMETERY

The Greater Tzaneen Municipality invites families with graves at the Letaba Cemetery next to Letaba Showgrounds to visit the cemetery to check if their graves are not amongst the graves vandalised on Monday night(25 April 2022).

A total of 77 graves were vandalised and upon discovery, the municipality alerted the police of the incident and attempted to open a case.

The Greater Tzaneen Municipality, however cannot open a police case on the matter, this can only be done by the families whose graves have been tampered with.

Families who have had burials at Letaba Cemetery are therefore advised to visit the cemetery to ascertain if headstones in their graves have been vandalised or not. Families are furthermore advised to open criminal cases with SAPS Tzaneen if their headstones are amongst the 77 vandalised.

We are presently unaware of the motive behind the vandalism, at the moment we can only suspect. We believe once criminal cases are opened with the SAPS, their investigations will provide clues.

The GTM strongly condemns this incident and sincerely apologises to the affected families.

Families can contact Xoliswa Gala, the Manager for Parks, Recreation and Cemetery at 082 909-8848 for further details.

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