

# Agri SA

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### **Agri SA calls for responsible action and calmness**

After the suspects in the murder case of a 16-year old boy, Matlhomola Moshoeu in Coligny were granted bail, violence erupted against members of the farming community by setting houses alight, of which one was the house of a farmer as well as maize fields. “These actions are condemned in the strongest possible terms, and as is in the murder case, the law must take its course in the investigation of these criminal acts against the farming community” said Johannes Möller, president of Agri SA.

If the accused in the murder trail are found guilty they must face the consequences of their actions. It cannot be allowed that members of society take the law into their own hands if they are not satisfied with the proceedings of a court of law, they should also face the consequences for their criminal actions. “With regards to the violence perpetrated against the farming community I call on the police to provide the necessary protection to farmers and to do a thorough investigation of these violent crimes, said Möller.

This type of violence can solve no problem and can only lead to a security catastrophe unless timely action is taken by the police and community leaders. “I would like to thank members of the farming community who acted responsibly within the framework of the Rural Safety Strategy to deal with the situation. We will continue to monitor the situation through our affiliation Agri Northwest, and provide the necessary assistance required” said Möller in closing.

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