

Casualties of violence

Marina da Gama bore some of the brunt of protest action from groups of residents from neighbouring Vrygrond who are opposed to eviction from land in the area.

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Marina da Gama residents' cars were stoned, two flats facing Vrygrond were petrol bombed and one case of attempted murder was opened by a woman who suffered burns, after her car was set alight by rioters from Vrygrond.

Other cases of public violence and malicious damage to property were also opened.

This flare-up of violence took place on Monday night April 30 at 7.15pm, when rioters attacked passing cars under the cover of darkness.

The rioters want a piece of land in

Vrygrond to build homes on, but the land is not earmarked for housing or human habitation.

Western Cape police spokeswoman, Sergeant Noloyiso Rwexana, said the woman whose car was set alight had heard a smashing sound and seen flames inside her car moments after passing a group of children on the roadside. She was taken to hospital with burn injuries.

Police arrested a 23-year-old man for public violence.

Marina da Gama residents posted pictures on social media showing damage to their cars: smashed windshields and dents from hurled bricks and bottles.

The rioters set off at least six stun grenades and rapid gunfire could be heard in the area.

Police reports put the number of rioters at about 150 but witnesses said there were far more. One resident told the False Bay Echo she had been driving home from work when rioters had swarmed from hiding places in bushes along Prince George Drive.

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