

Case against trespassers thrown out of court

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Lentswe, Stilfontein - The case against five men aged between 26 and 66 who appeared in the Stilfontein Magistrates Court on Wednesday 7 August for trespassing on a property belonging to Public

Works outside Stilfontein has been withdrawn. They were arrested on Tuesday 6 August.

Lentswe was told they are part of community members who are still continuing to mark out stands on the portion of land belonging to Public Works.

Stilfontein police spokesperson Sgt Molly Booysen confirmed that a docket has been opened.

Thembile Botman, a community leader, is not happy about the arrest. "We are not taking this light anymore, because we have been behaving,

complying all along. We did not even burn anything for that matter," he said.

"We are so surprised that the municipality is in talks with Public Works, but our people got arrested. It is even worse that our people are still arrested for trespassing."

Botman said the police only arrested men and not the women and children who were at the scene. Sgt Booysen said: "The men who were arrested were found building shacks on the property and the women and children were just standing in the street."