

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Another farm attack shocks agriculture community

Agri Wes-Cape and the community in Grabouw are shocked over a second farm attack in the province a mere few days.

Shirleen Booysen has been brutally attacked in her home somewhere between 18:00-20:00 last night on the farm Blaawkrans in Grabouw. She sustained serious gunshot wounds and is in a critical condition in hospital. The police is currently investigating the case and are following up on potential leads. The motive for the attack is yet unknown.

This attack follows the one in Malmesbury a few days ago where a farmer and his girlfriend were also attacked in a gruesome manner in the early hours of the morning.

Agri Wes-Cape would like to commend the local Police Stations and especially the Rural Safety Units for their quick response times during the farm attacks and murders in the province. Rural Safety remains a challenge that requires continued attention and we are grateful for the cooperation we receive from these units.

“However, we have been struggling since June to have a meeting with General Lamoer in order to discuss complaints and requests from our members, but most important, to discuss the implementation of the **national rural safety plan**. To date, the General has not responded to our requests,” says Carl Opperman, CEO of Agri Wes-Cape. “It is very frustrating and indeed a huge concern that the General cannot find a way to meet with us regarding these important issues”

“We cannot just accept that people are attacked and killed. We expect government and especially law enforcement officers, to do everything in their power to ensure a safe living and work environment for everyone in this province as well as the rest of the country and that perpetrators will be held accountable for their deeds in no uncertain terms”, says Opperman.

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