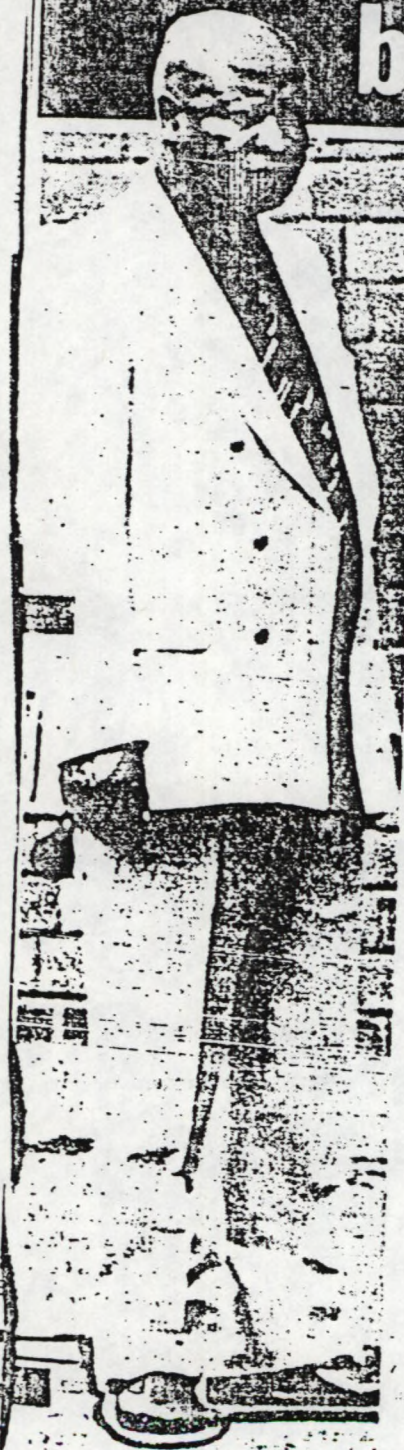


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Knox faced with bribery rap



TWO Lekoa Town Council members and a former Vaal Community Council member appeared in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday to face 30 various charges of bribery or alternatively corruption involving more than R90 000.

They are Mr Johannes Knox Matjila (55), Mr Ananias Ramogonako Sekobane (52) — Lekoa councillors — and Mr Mabame Johannes Monnakgotla (39). **SOWETAN 12.3.85**

The charges against the men state the offences were allegedly committed between 1979 and January 1983 during their term as members of the Vaal Community Council. Mr Matjila was chairman and Mr Sekobane his deputy. The charges arise from money received from residents for the allocation of business sites and houses in the area.

Mr Matjila yesterday pleaded not guilty before Mr A J Visagie, in the case where he is appearing alone, to 18 counts of bribery or alternatively corruption amounting to R70 200. Mr Monnakgotla also pleaded innocent before the same magistrate on six similar charges involving R10 470.

In another appearance in the same court, Mr Matjila and Mr Sekobane were not asked to plead to four counts of bribery involving R10 600. Mr Sekobane is further charged with two more counts, but The SOWETAN was yesterday unable to get details after the charge sheet went missing in court.

According to the indictment, the amounts involved ranged from R200 to R6 000. Among people who fell victim are Sebokeng councillor Mr J T Mosala, former councillor Mr J Tsoai (Zamdela) and another former councillor, Mr Jan Mokoena (Sebokeng). Mr Bently Nkuta, a Sebokeng businessman, is said to have paid R7 000 in cash as well as bricks worth R2 000 to acquire a business site.

The accused's next dates of appearance are as follows, Mr Sekobane (alone) April 22; Mr Monnakgotla, May 2; Mr Matjila and Mr Sekobane, June 20; and Mr Matjila (alone) July 8.

UNHAPPY: Mr Knox Matjila at the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday.

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