

NCape Couple Killed In Farm Robbery

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A Northern Cape woman was murdered in a farm robbery and her partner died later while being held hostage in a car that the robbers stole and then crashed, police said on Wednesday.

Captain Cherelle Ehlers said three men broke into a house on their farm in Brandvlei and assaulted the couple's housekeeper on Tuesday.

When the couple got home at about 5pm the robbers emerged and shot dead the farmer's partner, Loudine van Blerk.

They tied up the farmer, Willouw De Klerk Cilliers, and the housekeeper, whose name was not immediately available.

They were bundled into the farmer's Toyota Corolla, but while speeding away the robbers rolled the car on the way to nearby Williston.

While two of the robbers kept watch over the farmer and the housekeeper, the third robber went back to the farm and stole the farmer's Toyota Hilux bakkie.

He drove it back to his accomplices and their captives and when everyone was in the bakkie they set off again.

However, they crashed the bakkie too, and Cilliers died on the scene from his injuries.

Police arrived on the scene after receiving a report of an accident and attended to the housekeeper and arranged for two of the robbers to be taken to hospital, then went to the farm and found Van Blerk lying dead in the ransacked home.

While inspecting the premises, they came across the third robber and arrested him.

Several firearms were found in both vehicles, a nearby farm dam and the farm house.

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