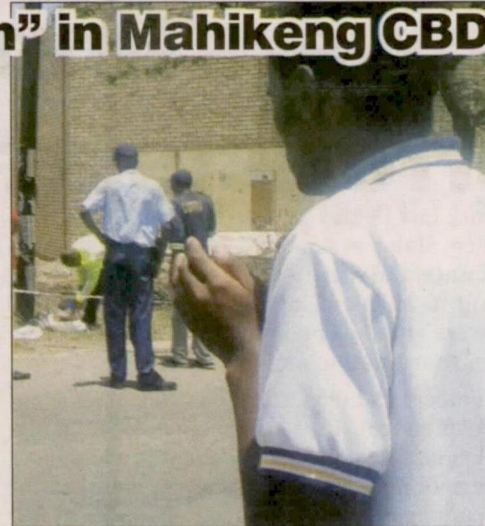




Foetus twins found under "Abortion sign" in Mahikeng CBD

Mahikeng Mail - Mahikeng: Just eight days before the 16 Days of activism for No Violence against Women and Children campaign kicks off on November 25, community members had to witness a horrific sight of two foetuses discovered on the corner of Carney and Short Streets in Mahikeng CBD on Wednesday afternoon.

Forensic police were called after a community member found a plastic bag containing the bodies of twin sisters who had been illegally aborted by their mother just hours before; under a "Safe Abortions" sign. A quick inspection by forensic personnel revealed that the foetuses were fully grown between 8 and 9 months. The scene caused an outcry among bystanders who could not believe their eyes



The scene at the corner of Carney and Short Streets in Mahikeng CBD where two foetuses were found on Wednesday morning.

when the forensic personnel took the bodies out one by one from the plastic bags they had been wrapped in. The pale skin with full heads of hair, still dripping with blood and amniotic fluid showed that they had been aborted in the early hours of the morning. According to eye witnesses the discovery was made earlier in the morning by a man who reported it to the police. On arrival the police had to wait for the forensics before clearing the scene.

"This act on its own shows the extent that people disregard life," said some of the women who stood in the crowd. "Do you know how many of us want kids and somebody decides to abort two children?" added one lady who was clearly disturbed by what she had just seen. Amongst the crowd were school children and young people who looked on in disbelief. For some this was the first time they had ever seen a foetus or a new born baby. Many in the crowd speculated and suspected that the infants could be linked with the prostitution in the area of Golf View.

No further information could be obtained before going to print on Wednesday. Police were still to investigate and get finger prints and DNA that could identify the parents of the children. Young pregnant girls, ladies or women are advised to seek help before they abort children. They can leave the children at a local clinic or welfare centre after birth or talk to social workers upon knowledge of pregnancy to receive the necessary help.