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## Most of Du Toitskloof fire has been 'contained'

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FIREFIGHTERS are making progress in containing a fire on Du Toitskloof Pass which has razed more than 8 000 hectares.

Working On Fire provincial manager Melany Duthie said: "Most of the northern section of the fire has been contained, with no lives or structures at risk. There is a small section at Wemmershoek that is still burning."

Spokesperson for the Cape Wine-lands District Municipality, Jo-Anne Otto, said the Municipality was satisfied with the Wemmershoek fire line during the night.

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The teams will focus on maintaining cold fire lines

Jo-Anne Otto  
MUNICIPALITY SPOKESPERSON

"The fire and ground teams will focus all their resources on maintaining cold fire lines, managing flare ups as and should they occur, and

■ MURDER

## Raw emotion in Court 4

*Basketball coach appears in Wynberg court after confessing to slaying 12-year-old boy*

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A WELL of emotions burst into the open inside Court 4 at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court as a 23-year-old, accused of murdering Sibusiso Dakuse, 12, in Hout Bay, made his first appearance.

According to the State prosecutors, Marvin Minnaar, who was the murdered boy's basketball coach, confessed to the crime, stating that he had kidnapped the boy before murdering him.

The State revealed that Minnaar made a full confession and was caught on video walking to the crime scene between the reeds on Kronendal Farm.

Hout Bay residents filled Court 4 yesterday, where Minnaar made his appearance dressed in a red and white sweater and navy pants.

Sibusiso's mother, Yonelisa Dakuse, looked at Minnaar with an expression of grief and anger, and collapsed as

she watched him led down to the holding cells.

Minnaar was denied bail and is expected back in court on March 17 for his profile to be reviewed and for a regional court date.

National Prosecuting Authority spokesperson Eric Ntabazalila said the investigation is continuing and the accused might face more charges.

"His case has been postponed to March 17 for the State to get a full bail profile of the accused and for him to give instructions to his Legal Aid lawyer."

Ntabazalila said Minnaar hasn't applied for bail yet but if he did the State would oppose it because the case was a schedule 6 matter, and said he was charged with murder only for now.

Luthando Stokwe, Sibusiso's uncle, said he wished for a thorough investigation of the case.

"Apparently Minnaar was not alone. He was with his friends."



Yonelisa Dakuse

The Grade 7 pupil at Sentinel Primary School went missing after leaving his Mandela Park home to play with his friends on Wednesday last week.

Police spokesperson Novela Potelwa said the suspect, who was known to Sibusiso, was arrested on Saturday.

"He was the last person seen with the boy," she said.

Social Development MEC Sharna Fernandez said every time a child was murdered the community was affected.

"Right now several of our communities are facing immense trauma. Assisting these communities during this difficult time is the Social Development Department's top priority," the MEC said.

She said violence against children had crossed all acceptable boundaries in society.

"Reports indicate that violence during childhood is widespread, with 42% of children reporting some form of maltreatment."

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## Beach access for physically challenged

