



# Fuming over Fraud

**Rustenburg** – Thanks to the quick response and impeccable investigation of the Rustenburg Police, two suspects involved in a case of fraud were apprehended on 16 August. The suspects visited a local liquor store on 9 August, where they had ‘purchased’ a significant amount of liquor for an elusive gathering, paying for the purchase of R 4993.88 by swiping a credit card. They then placed an order for an even larger purchase to the value of R 30 000.00, swiping the same credit card. The unsuspecting owners of the liquor store prepared the order which was collected by the suspects the following day as arranged. That afternoon, the owner, **Barnie van Niekerk** checked his cell phone banking app only to realize that the transaction was still pending. He immediately made enquiries at the bank and was informed that the card used by the suspects had been cloned and was linked to a financial institution in Australia. “One vehicle used by the suspects had been rented from a car rental agency at **OR Tambo International**

**Airport** and was four days late to be returned to the agency. The Police tracked this vehicle to a fast food outlet in Rustenburg. The investigating officers kept the vehicle under surveillance until the suspect returned to the vehicle where he was subsequently apprehended,” Sergeant **Ofentse Mokgadi**, police spokesperson, said. Later the same day the second suspect was arrested in a parking lot in the CBD. The second vehicle, with falsified license plates, was tracked and found. The police believe these suspects are involved in a number of fraud cases. “I am immensely impressed with the investigative work of the officers involved in this case,” Van Niekerk, told the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper. “The dedication of the investigating team led to the prompt arrest of the suspects. I would like to thank each officer for their tireless efforts in bringing these criminals to book.” The suspects appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates’ Court for a formal bail application on 22 August.



Frustrated and furious... from left: **Barnie van Niekerk**, owner of liquor store and **Adrienne le Roux**, manager.

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**SAPS:** The suspect is a male between the age of 25 and 28. He is of medium height and of slender build. The suspect speaks Setswana and English and his hair is shortly shaven. The SAPS is looking for this person regarding a case of Rape, which occurred on the 28 August 2016 about 04:30 in the morning in Thlabane. The investigating officer on this case is Cst Moshe of Rustenburg FCS with the following contact numbers: 014-594 8300 / 060 967 3924.

**SAPS:** The suspect is 30 years old, of medium height and build, an African male who smells of alcohol and speaks English. The suspect is wanted on a case of Indecent Assault which occurred on the 4 July 2017 at about 20:30 in Maphongo Street, Ikageng. The investigating officer in this case is Sgt Batantse of Potchefstroom FCS. She can be contacted on the following numbers: 018-293 9216 / 060 969 3960

## CAT bust in Rustenburg

**Rustenburg** – On Monday 21 August, the Phokeng K9 Unit confiscated a substantial amount of CAT (Methcathinone). The K9 unit was on patrol when they spotted a suspicious looking vehicle, a grey Toyota Yaris. After having pulled over the vehicle, they searched it and discovered several packets of CAT (street name *Nyana*) ready for distribution to the public. “The police interrogated the 41-year old driver of the vehicle, until he eventually took them to his home at 144 Kruger Street, where they confiscated more of the drug to the value of R80 000- R100 000,” sergeant **Ofentse Mokgadi**, police spokesperson, said. The suspect was arrested and his car impounded.

Photo from left: warrant officer **Dan Mantesh**, constable **Phanuel Motloba**, and sergeant **Dan Marakalala**, all from the K9 Phokeng Unit.

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