

BEWARE OF HIJACKERS on the R565, Phokeng

Rustenburg/ Phokeng – The Phokeng Police would like to warn community members about hijackings that are taking place at Rietvlei on the R565, Phokeng. On Friday, 25 August, at about 14h00, a 54-year old man was driving to Rietvlei in a Toyota Tazz. He was stopped by two males at the intersection, who quickly got inside his vehicle. He was pointed with a firearm and instructed to drive into the veld. They tied him up, assaulted him and ordered him to give them all his belongings, including his bank card. They instructed him to give his pin code and fled the scene with his car. The suspects then allegedly withdrew all the money from his bank account. In another incident on the same day, a man aged 25 was driving in his white Toyota Hilux on the same road and was also hijacked. Two suspects took his belongings. These two similar incidents occurred at different times. “The community is urged to be vigilant. Always make sure your car windows are closed, doors are locked and watch out for suspicious people, especially at intersections. Do not offer lifts to unknown persons,” sergeant Ofentse Mokgani, police spokesperson, said.



Uncle sentenced to 25 years for rape

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg cluster commander, major general Arthur Adams welcomed the 25 years’ jail term handed down to James Philemon Motlhatlole (32) for raping his 13-year old niece, handed down by the Mankwe Regional court sitting in Mogwase on Friday, 18 August. Matlhatlole forced himself on his niece on numerous occasions from 2015 in Sandfontein near Mogwase. Warrant officer Tefo Radithalo of the family violence, child protection and sexual offence unit (FCS) diligently investigated the case which led to Motlhatlole’s arrest in February this year. “Motlhatlole used to threaten his family members with violence should they report the matter to the police,” warrant officer Karel Khumalo, police spokesperson, said. In another matter, the sterling work conducted by detective warrant officer Karel Khumalo was rewarded by Rustenburg Regional court on Friday 11 August, by sentencing William Ramokau Sebogo (28) to an effective 15-year direct imprisonment for a murder committed a year ago.



Warrant officer Karel Khumalo of the Rustenburg Detective Unit.

Sebogo was alleged to have stabbed a taxi driver in Photsaneng to death after an argument. Because of the overwhelming evidence gathered and presented to the court by warrant officer Khumalo, the accused subsequently pleaded guilty to the charge.

Oral health seminar sparks ideas for change

Mahikeng – An all-day seminar held by the North West Department of Health on Friday, 18 August ignited new ideas amongst dental officers on how to do things differently to benefit recipients of dental health services. The objective of the seminar, which was facilitated by the Wits University School of Oral Health Sciences, was to train oral health practitioners serving in both the public and private sector and expose them to the latest trends and procedures in the world of dentistry. Topics discussed during this seminar was management of emergencies and trauma in the general dental setting, sugar tax, head and neck cancer, abused child and ethics, and school based prevention and evidence based dentistry. With regard to school based prevention, delegates were encouraged to do screening from time to time and conduct oral health education and education campaigns in schools. Currently in the North West Province, oral health services are being provided in all community health centres and hospitals while mobile dental clinics are being utilized to provide outreach services at schools, clinics and mobile points.



A professor is engaging delegates during his presentation on head and neck cancer.

Public violence suspects remanded in custody

Rustenburg/ Boitekong – “On Thursday, 24 August, fifteen suspects were arrested for public violence in Lekgalong and Ikageng after they barricaded a four-way crossing leading to Sun City and Rustenburg with burning tyres and debris,” sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, police spokesperson, said. It is alleged that the suspects were protesting about employment opportunities regarding an intended dam project in the area. The suspects appeared before the Bafokeng Magistrates’ Court in Tlhabane and were remanded in custody until Friday 1 September. • Meanwhile the tactical response team arrested a 24-year old man in Derby who has been positively linked to a carjacking in Swartruggens. Soon after, his 41-year old accomplice was traced and arrested in Lefaragatlha near Tlhabane. It was further discovered that the 41-year old has been sought for business burglary in Ventersdorp.



Bakwena thanks motorists for their patience

NW – Bakwena Platinum Corridor Concessionaire, operator of the N1N4 routes, thanks motorists for their patience and understanding following the closure of the N4 last week due to protest action between Mooinooi and the R512. Bakwena commercial manager, Liam Clarke says every effort was made to keep motorists apprised of the situation through regular updates on Facebook, Twitter and the radio. “In addition, Lonmin provided signage for motorists using the mine road and alternative routes were suggested. Keeping people safe on our roads is a key pillar of our business. The situation required extraordinary action, resulting in the implementation of a road closure by the Police.” Bakwena relies on the Police and Traffic Authorities to ensure law enforcement on its roads. “The road is closely monitored and when a situation threatens to become a danger for our road users, we collaborate with the SAPS and Traffic Authorities to find solutions that will keep them safe,” says Clarke. The N1N4 was fully open to users on Saturday 19 August 2017. Clarke assures motorists that Bakwena will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep users informed about any issues along the route.



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Invitation to attend the ordinary meeting of council

Rustenburg – Notice is hereby given to members of public in terms of section 19 of the Local Government: Municipality System Act 2000 as amended as well as section 31 (i) of the Local Government: Structures Act 1998 as amended about the ordinary meeting of Council that is scheduled as follows:
Time - 10h00
Date - 05 September 2017
Venue - Rustenburg Civic Centre
NB: Please note that the ordinary meeting of council that was scheduled for the 29th August 2017 has been postponed to the above date.
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