

Local 10-year old kidnapped and rescued



Duty-bound detectives: from left: Albert Zizo, Sorel Labour, Nora Mathebula, Lazy Motshwane and Thabiso Nkomo.

Rustenburg/ Marikana – On Tuesday, 10 October, detectives from Marikana were informed of a 10-year old girl who had gone missing. The Marikana Detectives immediately began with an intensive investigation into the matter. The child’s mother received a phone call from the kidnapper. The man demanded a ransom to the amount of R3 000.00. On Thursday, 12 October, it was arranged with the suspect to collect the ransom money in Johannesburg at the Soweto taxi rank. The suspect was arrested by the detectives and the child was returned to her mother. The case docket was handed over to Family violence, Child abuse and Sexual offences (FCS) Rustenburg unit. A case of rape is also being investigated. A 28-year old male has appeared before the Brits Magistrates’ Court and investigations continue.

16 shacks destroyed by fire

Mogwase – Sixteen shacks were destroyed by a fire in Mogwase on Monday, 16 October. The Moses Kotane Local Municipality reports that the 16 shacks, located in the Mogwase Unit 8 informal settlement, were completely destroyed by 12h15. The municipality’s disaster management team is currently gathering information on the extent of the damage. At this stage a paraffin stove is thought to be the cause of the fire. The municipality has already engaged with SASSA, the Department of Social Development, the Mogwase Fire and Emergency team as well as the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality’s disaster management team.

The mayor of Moses Kotane Local Municipality, cllr. Ralesole Diale; the speaker of council, cllr. Sipho Vava; portfolio head of community safety, cllr. Victor Kheswa; and ward 33 cllr. Diphetogo Mmolawa have visited the scene to get a brief on the fire incident and show their support.



Clamping down on crime

Rustenburg – Thursday, 21 September was a dark day for criminals. Members of Public Order Police (POP) conducted a roadblock on the R510. A suspect was arrested for the possession of an unlicensed firearm and suspected stolen property. A routine search of a taxi was conducted and a suspect arrested for the possession of two firearms, a revolver with five rounds and a 9mm Beretta with 3 rounds, both with serial numbers erased. Another taxi was searched and a suspect was arrested for the possession of stolen property when five pairs of new designer shoes were discovered. Another person was arrested for failure to produce documentation. Another suspect was arrested for business robbery and cash amounting to a total of R1 400.00. POP members found a blue Volkswagen Polo in Freedom Park at a car wash; the vehicle had been reported stolen in Luka village. Another stolen Toyota Venture was discovered and a 32-year old suspect was arrested for the possession of a stolen vehicle with another case pending in GaRankuwa. “During this operation, 91 vehicles and 518 people had been searched. Traffic fines amounting to R5000.00 were issued for various traffic offences,” says captain Elsabé Augoustides, police spokesperson. Members of POP are commended for their outstanding efforts and a job well done.



Stolen firearms recovered at a roadblock.



A stolen Toyota Venture recovered.

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