



POLICE RE-ARREST TWO 'AWAITING TRIAL' ESCAPEES

Hartbeespoort – Six awaiting trial prisoners from the Hartbeespoort police station that were in lawful custody, escaped in the early hours of Thursday, 20 December 2018, by sawing through burglar proofing of their cells.

One of the six escapees, Talent Machunda, was re-arrested. The police managed to re-arrest a second escapee, Zacharia Chauke, on Monday 7 January at approximately 18:30. The arrest resulted from an intelligence driven operation by a Brits trio task team, operational coordination centre and Hartbeespoort crime and prevention, who acted on a tip-off.

The team nabbed the accused in a taxi en route to Mozambique on the N4 road between Rustenburg and Marikana. Chauke was in custody for multiple counts of house robbery committed in Scheerpoort when he escaped.

The Police are appealing to members of the community to assist with locating and providing information that can lead to the re-arrest of the remaining four accused: Felix Mlambo, Caiphus Shilenge, Henry Sithole and Paul Samuel Mozite. They were detained for various offences including murder, house and business robberies and possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

Members of the community are once again urged not to try and apprehend or confront the escapees as they may be dangerous.

Anyone with information that may lead to the re-arrest of the escapees can call their nearest police station or contact the investigating officer, colonel Simon Mokwena at 082 856 1326.

The North West acting provincial commissioner, major general Ryno Naidoo commanded members who effected the arrest. "We will leave no stone unturned and will continue to intensify our efforts until we re-arrest all of the escapees."



Felix Mlambo,
wanted by police



Talent Machinda
(re-arrested)



Henry Sithole,
wanted by police



Paul Samuel Mozite,
wanted by police



Caiphus Shilenge,
wanted by police



Zacharia Chauke
(re-arrested)

Criminals receive lengthy sentences

Rustenburg – Warrant officer Jannie van der Walt is getting criminals off the street and behind bars.

HOUSE ROBBERY

On 5 December 2013 between 02:00 and 05:00, the Pretorius couple from Waagfontein smallholding, on the Old Pretoria road, were sleeping when four suspects, aged between 30 and 42 years, broke a window and gained access to their house.

The suspects were armed with firearms, pangas and knives and started to steal electronic equipment, including a laptop and cash. They fled on foot.

The suspects were arrested in January 2016 after attacking the Van Heerden family. The suspects were linked with fingerprints. The case against one of the attackers was withdrawn.

The remaining suspects appeared before the Regional Court in Rustenburg on 10 December 2018 and was sentenced to a minimum of 15 years.

CAR JACKING AND ATTEMPTED MURDER

This case was previously investigated by warrant officer Frans Mathope and later transferred to warrant officer Jannie van der Walt.

On 5 February 2010 at around 23:00, Thabo Ben Lakalakala was visiting his girlfriend at a tavern in Marikana where she was working as a cashier, when he was assaulted by three suspects and had a firearm pointed at him.

The suspects instructed him to accompany them to his white Volkswagen Passat. They sped off and then kicked him out of the moving vehicle, resulting in serious injuries.

The suspects Ignatius Thameng, Olebogeng Thameng also known as "Zaheed Khan", and Johannes Mdluli were arrested on 16 February 2010, 18 of February 2010 and 16

March 2010 respectively. The case against Johannes Mdluli was later dropped.

Zaheed Khan had numerous previous convictions that include reckless and negligent driving in 1998, culpable homicide in 2002 when he received a suspended sentence of five years, and robbery in 2004 for which he was sentenced to 15 months behind bars.

He was also found guilty of assault in 2006 and sent to prison for six months, robbery in 2016 and was imprisoned for eight months, rape in 2006 and spent five years in prison, and intimidation in 2009 when he threatened a police official and his family and paid a R300 admission of guilt.

After Thabo Lakalakala's ordeal, the accused were sentenced to two counts of life imprisonment and five years for the possession of illegal firearms and ammunition. Warrant officer Jannie van der Walt from the Rustenburg cluster task team is commended for his excellent services.



Warrant officer Jannie van der Walt.

Arson used to hide FARM MURDER



The arrested suspect (24).



The scene of the crime where murderers started a fire to destroy evidence of their crime.



The victims' vehicle.



Items belonging to the victims were found in the suspect's possession.

Northam – Police made a gruesome discovery on Friday 4 January when they were summoned to an arson incident at Wildebees Laagte farm outside Northam. Two burnt bodies were discovered. It is believed that the victims were murdered and the fire was started to hide the crime.

Upon arrival at the scene, South African Police Services (SAPS) in conjunction with other roleplayers, tried to extinguish the blaze, but with no success.

They managed to enter the house by breaking a window. The deceased were found with serious burn wounds, but it quickly became clear that the bodies were staged.

A manhunt led police to Rustenburg where a suspect was arrested by the Northam Police with backup from the Rustenburg public order unit. During the arrest, the victims' motor vehicle was recovered at a chop shop in Rustenburg. SAPS also confiscated the victims' cell phone, tablet, wrist watch and household keys.

The murder suspect (24) was apprehended for two counts of murder, arson, theft of motor vehicle and theft in general. He appeared before the Northam Magistrates' Court on 7 and 14 January. The case was postponed until 23 January.

The SAPS provincial commissioner in Limpopo lieutenant general Nneke Ledwaba complimented Northam police and the Rustenburg public order unit for a successful arrest in a complex matter within such a short space of time.

Weather Report North West RUSTENBURG

Friday	18 January 2019	37°C - 20°C	Rainfall probability (%)
Saturday	19 January 2019	36°C - 21°C	0
Sunday	20 January 2019	34°C - 19°C	Sunrise 06:40 Sunset 17:49
Monday	21 January 2019	33°C - 19°C	
Tuesday	22 January 2019	32°C - 19°C	

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FINANCIAL INDICATORS

ZAR / USD	13.73	0.18%
Rand/Pound	17.65	0.26%
Rand/Euro	15.63	0.46%
Rand/Aus Dollar	9.85	0.58%
Dollar/Pound	1.28	0.11%
Pound/Euro	1.13	-0.06%
GOLD	1,289.52	-0.21%
Platinum	802.85	-0.51%
Palladium	1,291.25	-3.42%

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