



BURNT BODY FOUND BRUTAL ATTACK IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Rustenburg – Police are carrying out DNA tests to determine if the recently discovered burnt remains of a child is that of either one of the two girls reported missing in the area. The body was found in a dumping site near Lefaragatlha, outside Rustenburg, on Friday 2 August. The two missing girls are, Bokamoso Keletso (6) from Pudimoe near Taung and Kgothatso Molefe (7) from Tlhabane, said police spokesperson captain Sam Tselanyane.



Rustenburg – In the afternoon of Wednesday 2 October, a woman was brutally attacked while working in her home-office on a farm outside Rustenburg. According to police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides, the woman heard footsteps and on inspection found an unknown number of suspects in her house holding her gardener at gunpoint. The men brutally assaulted the woman, tied her and her domestic worker up, and ransacked the house. They stole a 303-hunting rifle, cash, cell phones and jewellery before they fled the scene with her husband’s silver BMW motorbike. The victim managed to free herself, call for help and was rushed to hospital. A case of house robbery is being investigated.



CONCRETE BRICK THROWN THROUGH WINDSHIELD



Rustenburg – A young family’s life was changed in the blink of an eye, in the early hours of Saturday 21 September. The couple, JC and Claudia Roos and their one-year old daughter were traveling on the R566 near Hartbeespoortdam when a concrete block came flying through their windscreen. According to police spokesperson Maria Nkabinde, the concrete block hit JC (who was driving) in the face. He managed to bring the car to a standstill next to the road. According to social media, an armed man approached them demanding cash. Claudia reportedly explained that they had no cash, but that the perpetrator could loot any valuables. The man was apparently unhappy with this offer and walked away empty-handed. Claudia and their daughter managed to escape unscathed, but JC had to be rushed to hospital with serious head injuries. A case of attempted murder and robbery are being investigated.

HIJACK SUSPECTS IN COURT

Rustenburg – Two men, charged with hijacking and being in the possession of a suspected stolen vehicle, appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates’ Court on Thursday 26 September. Katlego Matlapeng (29) and Kgomotso Seolwane (28) were arrested by the police along the R30 road near Derby shortly after a vehicle tracking company had reported an alleged hijack incident. Police spokesperson colonel Adéle Myburgh said the duo was arrested after the blue Suzuki SUV they were travelling in, was intercepted. A toy gun was recovered by the police after searching the vehicle. Investigations by the police established that the vehicle had been

reportedly hijacked in Lichtenburg three hours earlier. North West provincial commissioner, lieutenant general Baile Motswenyane cautioned motorists against picking up hitchhikers, especially when travelling alone.



MUNICIPALITY’S FINANCIAL CHALLENGES A CONCERN

Rustenburg – The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) is concerned with the reported failure by the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (BPDM) to pay employees their salaries on time and has urged the North West provincial government to act quickly to restore their financial stability. On Wednesday 25 September, employees purportedly did not receive their salaries. In a letter dated that same day and signed by municipal manager Pogiso Shikwane, the municipality attributed its financial challenges to the non-payment of the equitable share. In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, Cosatu provincial secretary in the North West, Kopano Konopi said the labour federation is worried with the impact this financial instability is having on employees. “The municipality has been having financial challenges since July.” According to the Democratic Alliance (DA),

the municipality took out a R50 million loan after failing to pay employees their July salaries on time.



The BPDM has reportedly failed to pay its employees their September salaries on time.

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