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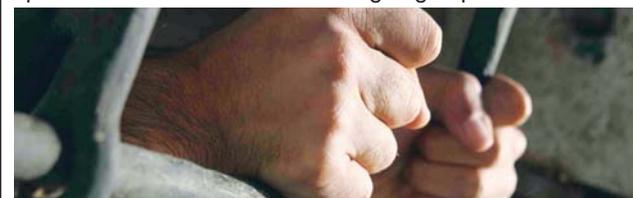
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House Robbers Busted!

Brits – One of two suspects, who allegedly committed three House Robberies in respective Plots (Small Holdings) in the Brits area, has been arrested in the early morning hours of Friday, 22 April 2011 by Brits Police.

These suspects allegedly accosted three Plot owners in Sandrift and robbed them of valuables ranging from cellular phones, cash, cigarettes and music systems.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Metsi, the arrested suspect was identified by complainants. The 47-year-old suspect was expected to appear briefly before the Brits Magistrate's Court on three counts of House Robbery and Theft. No updates were available at time of going to press.



4 Arrested for Murder

Podumoe (between Vryburg & Christiana) – Police in Podumoe arrested four suspects in connection with the murder of 26-year-old Piet Botake of the Dryharts village.

It is alleged that the deceased was playing a game of pool with his friends in a local tavern when the four suspects entered the tavern and started harassing some of the customers. It is alleged that the suspects grabbed the pool stick from the victim and dragged him outside the tavern, where they assaulted him and stabbed him to death with a knife in the chest.

The victim died on scene. This incident took place in the early morning hours of Friday, 22 April 2011 at approximately 3h00.

The four suspects ages between 18 and 25, were expected to briefly appear before the Taung Magistrate's Court on Tuesday 26 April 2011 on charges of murder. No updates were available at time of going to press.

Neck-Bite Murder



Mogwassie – The Police are currently investigating a case of murder which occurred on Friday, 22 April 2011. A suspect (age unknown) was arrested in connection with the murder of a 28-year-old Johannes Tebogo Mojahi of Lebaleng, Extension 5 in Mogwassie. Apparently the victim was on his way home when he was attached by the suspect, who was trying to rob him for his cellular phone and some cash.

A fight ensued between the two; nevertheless, the victim was overpowered due to the suspect biting his neck. The victim was rushed to the nearest hospital where he was certified dead upon arrival.

The suspect was later arrested by Mogwassie Police and is expected to appear briefly before the Mogwassie Magistrate's Court in on a charge of murder.

Better TB Cure Rate

Rustenburg – In 2007, the Bojanala District Health Department was declared an emergency area in terms of its Tuberculosis (TB) cure rate that was as low as 47% compared to the national target rate of 85%.

Several interventions were consequently put into place, elevating the district to manage a gradual increase of 61.4% in 2010, 57.9% in 2009 and 54.7% in 2008. This was revealed by Bojanala District medical specialist Dr. John Tumbo during the two days District Lekgotla hosted a week before the Easter holidays.

Amongst others, the aim of the Lekgotla was to review operational systems and service delivery performance as well as derive a way forward on the challenges thereof.

Addressing delegates who amongst others included Bojanala District Chief Director Ms Mmule Rakau, provincial delegates Ms Ncgombela and Mr Morewane, Prof Buch from University of Pretoria, as well as governance structure members Ms Monewe and Rev Motshegwe; Dr Tumbo attributed the steady increase of a cure rate related to crisis implementation plans that included social mobilisation through TB promotion as well as DOT supporters (Directly Observed Therapy/Treatment).

Important aspects also covered by Dr Tumbo included the European Union assistance of employing eight defaulter tracing teams and the engagement with National Health Laboratories Services to accelerate the results of sputum (TB negative or positive).

According to Dr Tumbo, the results of these interventions assisted with percentage increases on cure rate and the reduction of TB deaths from 11.3% to 8%.

The National Health Department Caution: If you have TB, it does not mean you also have HIV, although HIV makes getting TB easier. Everyone with TB should be tested for HIV and everyone with HIV should be regularly screened for TB. You can still be treated for TB even if you are HIV-positive.

Tuberculosis can be cured: TB is treatable by taking six-months medication pills.

It is very important that TB patients FINISH all of the medicine as prescribed. If they stop taking pills too soon, they can become sick again and their TB status worsen to Extreme Drug Resistance-TB (XDR-TB).

Treatment of XDR-TB takes longer, up to 24 months; the drugs used for treatment are expensive and have more side-effects.

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