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RunX & Taz T-Bone

Rustenburg – The widely ‘talked-about’ accident which occurred in the CBD area of Rustenburg during the late hours of Friday evening, 3 June 2011, apparently involved alcohol misuse.

A Toyota RunX allegedly travelled at an alarmingly high speed on Nelson Mandela Drive and crossed the robot (crossing Thabo Mbeki Drive) on a red light. This supposedly resulted in a collision with a Toyota Taz travelling in Thabo Mbeki Drive, who had right of way to cross the robot (green light).

According to eyewitnesses on scene, the Taz was smashed with such an impact that the vehicle swerved totally out of control into the other side of the road and again into a Taxi. Even the taxi was veered from the position it was standing.

One of the occupants of the Taz died on scene. The other occupant, together with the two occupants in the RunX was transported to the Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital by emergency personnel. The SAPS is currently investigating this accident.



Successful sentences follow SAPS Potchefstroom arrests



The SAPS in Potchefstroom was rewarded with a list of successful prosecutions and court sentences from the beginning of the year up until now. On 17 March 2011 the decomposed body of a 58-year-old woman was found in her house in Ikageng. Her hands were cuffed behind her back and she was naked. On the 20th of March 2011 the 24-year-old Leponisa Regionald Tsilo was arrested. He was found guilty in the High Court in Potchefstroom and was sentenced for: Housebreaking and Robbery (15 years imprisonment), for Rape (20 years imprisonment) and for Murder (life imprisonment).

On the 15th of May 2010, the 39-year-old Stefanus Johannes Strydom of Buffelshoek, outside Potchefstroom, arrived at his home on his farm where he was attacked and repeatedly assaulted with an iron bar. The suspects tied him with a chain behind his bakkie, and he was dragged for a distance. The 21-year-old Johanthan Segome and the 20-year-old Sameul Taung were arrested the same day by the SAPS and all of the stolen items were recovered. For Murder they were sentenced to life imprisonment and for robbery, 20 years' imprisonment.

In March 2010 the 79-year-old Hendrina Kotze was found murdered in her flat in Potchefstroom. The 34-year-old Freddy Motswaledi was arrested and found guilty for Murder and Robbery. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

In July 2010 a 25-year-old man was robbed of his cell phone and cash in Potchefstroom. The 27-year-old Simon Modise and the 31-year-old Jacob Sebetlele were found guilty of Robbery with aggravating circumstances. Simon Modise was sentenced to 24 years' imprisonment and Jacob Sebetlele was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

The successful prosecution of criminals when arrested is an important factor in the motivation of our police force.

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