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Accident on R24

# 7 Lives Lost

**Rustenburg** – “Seven lives lost in one, single day.” This was the words of one of Rustenburg’s brave emergency paramedic personnel, after a hard day’s work. “And this accounts for only two of the accidents which occurred in Rustenburg this week”, he added.

One of the mentioned tragedies was when four people died on the R24 on Tuesday evening, at approximately 21 h30.

According to the driver of the carrier truck involved in the said accident, whilst he was travelling to Rustenburg, a truck braked in front of him. He allegedly tried to avoid a collision by swerving into the right-hand lane, and consequently slammed head-on into an on-coming family sedan.

However, according to eye witnesses on scene, it seemed as if the driver did not maintain the accurate following distance and therefore could not brake in time.. “It almost seemed as if he wanted to overtake the truck in front of him.”

Emergency personnel were met with devastation as they declared three generations, daughter (3), mother (43) and grandmother (77), dead on scene. A fourth woman was also amongst the deceased.

Miraculously, a 17-year-old boy survived. Onlookers assumed that he also died because of the severity of his injuries and his lack of response. However, when emergency personnel arrived, the boy was able to reach out and immediately received medical attention.

The truck driver was found unscathed and unresponsive, described by one of the bystanders as “catatonic”.

Due to the positioning of the truck above the car (as seen on photo), it was close to impossible to remove the victims... **Continue on page 2**

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