

Warning to ANC "opportunists"

Zeerust – African National Congress (ANC) National Deputy Secretary General Thandi Modise says some ANC members have abandoned the organisation's traditions and policies in pursuit of narrow self interests. Launching the party's 100 years centenary celebrations in Lehuruthse, near Zeerust in the North West on Sunday September 25, Modise warned against the so-called "opportunists" whose infiltration of the ANC could lead to its disappearance. "The ANC is known for service, it is not about personal ambition. The people who join the ANC must join the ANC knowing that they are here to serve. They are not here to fight about positions and tenders," says Modise who is also North West Premier.

Copper Cable Theft

Schweizer-Reneke – Four suspects, aged between 25 and 30 years of age, were arrested on Tuesday 27 September 2011, following the theft of power copper cables. Eskom alarms were activated on the power line between Broedersput and Schweizer-Reneke (about 40 km from Vryburg) when the copper cables were cut. During patrols, an un-roadworthy Land Cruiser vehicle was later found in the area with two suspects who had no positive identification on them. The K9 unit from Vryburg was then contacted to assist with the search for more suspects. The K9 unit, reservists together with Eskom security members continued the search for more suspects and the copper cable that was stolen. Later during the morning, two other suspects were rounded up.

Approximately 560 kg of copper cable, to the value of R 100 000 were discovered.

The four suspects, two undocumented Mozambique Nationals and two from Vosloorus, Gauteng, were arrested for theft of copper cable and detained at Delareyville police station. It is alleged that these suspects are part of a much larger group who were allegedly involved in other copper cable theft in the North West area. The suspects will appear before court soon.

In the meantime, three men were arrested in Wolmaransstad for suspected stolen copper cables worth R12 000. The Police received a tip-off from security guards patrolling along the N12 road.

One suspect was arrested, 40-year-old Olebogeng Joel Moabi, who appeared briefly before the Wolmaransstad Magistrate's Court on Friday, 23 September 2011 on a charge of possession of suspected stolen property.

He was remanded in custody and the case was postponed to Monday, 3 October 2011 for further investigations and a formal bail application.



ATM Fraud in Rustenburg

Rustenburg – Four suspects appeared briefly before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Monday, 26 September 2011 on charges of fraud and malicious damage to property. The suspects are still in police custody after they were remanded until Monday, 3 October 2011 for further investigations and a formal bail application.

The Joint operation between members of the SAPS Commercial Crime Unit in Klerksdorp, Security Management Solutions (SMS) and ABSA Bank Investigators led to the arrest of the four ATM fraud suspects.

Following an intelligence driven report that identified an ABSA Bank ATM situated in Church Street as a "hot spot", an operation was conducted on Sunday, 25 September 2011. Live monitoring was done while police details were on strategic positions to react for incidents that might occur.

At about 08h10, one suspect, 41-year-old Emmanuel Ramathlape, was arrested after he tried to swipe a client's card and vandalize the camera of the ATM. At about 11h45, three more suspects – Moses Sibusiso Mathonsi (21), Joseph Nkosi (36) and Kgotso Collen Mahobe (24) – were arrested near the same ATM with seven suspected stolen bank cards and eight-thousand-nine-hundred and forty rand (R8 940). The three suspects – Moses, Joseph and Kgotso – were driving in a Corsa Lite vehicle that was confiscated for further investigations.



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