

SAPS



MISSING

Hammanskraal

– Mr Llale is a constable at the VIP Protection Unit in Pretoria. He was last seen on the 7 November 2010 in the vicinity of Hammanskraal and surrounding areas of Makapanstad. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, WO GB Rashope, of the Makapanstad Detectives at 012-714 0065 or 073-027 7248.



WANTED

Klerksdorp - A 48 to 50 year-old suspect is wanted in connection with a rape case in Klerksdorp. Anybody with any information



in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer Cst Moehle of Klerksdorp family child sexual unit on 018 464 5382 or 082 568 6909.

MISSING?

Kanana – 13-year-old Reitumse Nthathi Thulo went missing on the 19th of November 2010. She was last seen in Kanana where she lives. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, Cst. BP Rampedi of the Kanana Detective Services on the following numbers 018-476 1115.



WANTED

Klerksdorp – Mr Harmse, 38 years old, is wanted regarding a fraud case. The I/O in this case is SAO CE Nepgen of Klerksdorp Detective Service. He can be contacted on the following numbers: 018-464 5028/ 073 133 3264.



Tips for Driving in Rain

With the rain season on our doorstep, we offer a few tips on how to drive safely during rain or on wet roads. This is important – it could save lives!

Smart Motorist offers the following suggestions for safer driving in wet weather. In stormy conditions, it is more difficult to see other vehicles, road signs and the road itself. It is critical to make sure you can see and be seen.

- First and foremost: slow down! It takes longer to stop or adjust in wet weather.
- Stay toward the middle lanes – water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
- Maintain proper following distance (3 Sec-

ond Rule). This needs to be increased in wet weather.

- Drive in the tracks of a car ahead of you.
- Don't follow large trucks or busses too closely. The spray created by their large tires reduces your vision. Take care when passing them as well; if you must pass, do so quickly and safely.
- Be more alert when driving in wet or slippery conditions. Watch out for brake lights in front of you.
- Avoid using your brakes; if possible, take your foot off the accelerator to slow down.
- Turn your headlights on even in a light rain, or in gloomy, foggy or overcast conditions. Not only do they help you see the road, but they'll help other drivers see you. If your car has daytime running lights you still should put them on, so vehicles behind you can see you better.
- Before it starts to rain, replace old or brittle wipers.
- Never drive through moving water if you can't see the ground through it; your car could be swept off the road.

Overloaded bakkie rolls, driver dies

Rustenburg – The driver of an overloaded Toyota bakkie which was travelling along the Old Pretoria Road, about 18km from Rustenburg, lost his life after his vehicle rolled numerous times, coming to a standstill on the driver's side.

At this stage it is suspected that bearing failure could be the cause of the accident, which resulted in the driver losing control over the bakkie.

The accident occurred on October 2 at around 12h30.

The driver was killed upon impact. The two passengers were rushed to the Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital. One sustained a broken leg while the other sustained multiple minor injuries.

The SAPS are investigating the accident. It is suspected that safety belts were not used.



Chaotic Accident during 1st Rains



Rustenburg – An impatient driver who skipped red traffic lights collided into another vehicle in an accident that occurred on October 2 at around 12h51 at the BP Garage intersection just before the Waterfall Mall (c/o of R24 and N4).

According to eyewitnesses on scene,

the cars involved in the accident were a VW Golf and a Nissan.

“The heavy rain made it impossible to distinguish who skipped the red light. I couldn't see clearly.

The tar was wet and slippery, due to the 1st rains causing oil to surface on the roads.” an eyewitness said.

Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained; however, emergency personnel were met with multiple mild injuries on scene.

The injured were transported to different hospitals for treatment.

SAPS are carrying out further investigations.

U-turn, u crash!

Rustenburg – An alleged U-turn made by the driver of a VW Golf, who was travelling on the Old Pretoria Road, resulted in a head-on collision involving a 4x4 Jeep. The accident occurred on 3 October at around 13h26.

According to eyewitnesses on scene, the driver of the Golf made a U-turn about 20 km from Rustenburg.

The driver of the Golf sustained severe head injuries and was rushed to the Job Shimankana Tabane Hospital after he was intubated on scene.

The occupants of the Jeep sustained no serious injuries.

The SAPS are busy gathering more facts regarding the accident.



Head-on collision on N4

Rustenburg – Numerous people were injured on the 2nd of October 2011 at around 20h30 after two vehicles collided head-on on the N4 highway. The accident occurred 2km before the Marikana Tollgate.

Fortunately, no one died. A black car (of which the make is unknown due to the severity of the damage) travelled towards Marikana when it collided with a Mercedes that was travelling in the direction Rustenburg. At this stage the cause of the accident remains unclear; however, the Police sus-

pect that a case of 'misjudged overtaking of vehicles' may have played a part in the circumstances leading up to the accident. Upon arrival, emergency personnel had to call the Fire Department to retrieve the female driver from trapped in the black vehicle.

She was extracted using “Jaws of Life” and rushed to hospital in a critical condition.

The occupants travelling in the Mercedes sustained minor injuries (bumps and bruises).



FIGHT CRIME