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MISSING

Jouberton – 18-year-old Dikeledi Catherine Tawana of Ext 15, Jouberton, was last seen during February 2010. Anyone with any information in this



regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, D/W/O AJ du Preez from the Jouberton Detective Service on 018-465 9059.

WANTED

Potchefstroom – The Potchefstroom FCS Unit is looking for a man that might be able to assist them in a case of investigation.



The man is in his late 20s. He is dark, tall and of slender build. He speaks Sotho. Anyone with any information in this regard us requested to contact the investigating officer, W/O Chicks Tshabdira on 018-299 7318 or 083 579 0696.

MISSING?

Jouberton – 17-year-old Angela Kgomotso Rantsie of Ext 23, Jouberton, has been missing since January 2010. Anyone with any information



in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, D/Const J Jordaan of Jouberton Detective Service on 018-465 9051.

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.



MISSING?

Brits – 10-year-old Thomas Maluleke of Sonop, Brits, was last seen on 6 May 2010 at around 06h00. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, D/W/O MN Seemane of Brits Detective Service on 012-252 3011.



Phakoe case:
bail judgement postponed



Rustenburg – Enoch Matshaba – who is one of the four people being implicated in the 2009 murder of Moss Phakoe – will have to wait until Friday November 25 to find out if his bail application succeeds.

The bail hearing of Matshaba, who is the only suspect still in custody, was held on Wednesday 16 November at the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court. Matshaba is likely to get bail after the defence lawyers argued that his release would not pose a threat to the witnesses who

are expected to testify against the four accused suspects.

Matshaba, together with former Rustenburg Mayor Mathews Wolmarans, Amos Mataboge and businessman Oupa Mphomane will be on trial next year in February for the murder of Phakoe, a former Councillor in the Rustenburg Local Municipality and a vocal critic against corruption. Phakoe was shot and killed at his home on March 14 in 2009 after he was returning from an ANC Presidential campaign.

Thieves poison dog...& Fail to steal motorbike

Rustenburg – A gang of thieves poisoned Mr. Sidney Venter's beloved dog, but failed to steal his motorbike after their efforts were foiled by an alert motorist. Venter resides in Church Street (Rustenburg).

The incident, which took place on Monday evening, November 14, has left the Venter family disturbed as they are yet to fully come to terms with the death of their dog, which was part of their family for the past 8 years. In an interview with Platinum Weekly, Mr. Venter said that on the night the incident occurred, he was in his house with his family when he was alerted to the sounds being made by his barking dog. "I rushed outside and walked around the house - and

when I could not find anything, I went back inside. Only hours later, the dog started barking again and yet again I went outside, this time with my son to investigate, but we did not find anything," said Mr. Venter. "I discovered my dog the next morning, poisoned. I also found that the thieves tried to steal our motorbike, but luckily they failed to get it started. They were busy pushing it when a neighbour passing by flashed his car lights at them. Consequently they ran away, leaving the bike close to the railway track," he added.

"I am sad that the police are not even investigating the case. They came to the house, but they did not even take any fingerprints and are not carrying

out any investigations," said Mr. Venter. A cat belonging to Beula Waldie – who lives just opposite Mr. Venter – also died the following day, supposedly after eating the same poisoned meat that killed the dog. Platinum Weekly would like to warn the public to guard against thieves, who usually intensify their activities during the festive season.



Detective shoots robber after fierce fight

Koster – A police detective was forced to shoot a suspected robber who was resisting arrest after the two were involved in a fierce struggle. This incident took place near Koster on Tuesday 15 November at around 08h30. The robber was one of two suspects believed to have robbed a 37-year-old woman who was alone at her farm. According to police investigations, the woman was alone at Wysfontein Farm, which is situated near Moedville, Koster, when she was approached by two unknown men who were looking for work. After being told there was no money to pay them, the two men agreed to do some garden work in return for payment in food.

Whilst the two were working, the woman left the house to do some laundry and upon her return, the two suspects were inside the house. After overpowering and threatening her with a knife and garden fork, they forced her to open her safe. They took ammunition and two firearms, some food, electric appliances and a cellular phone before leaving the house. The woman was left tied up and placed in the bathroom. The woman managed to free herself and went to her neighbor for assistance. Police were called to the scene and the victim was interviewed, giving an accurate description of the suspects. Whilst driving back to the Koster police station, on the Koster/ Millvail road, close to the N4, the two suspects were identified by a police detective. The detective approached the suspects

and ordered them to lie down on the ground. After searching the first suspect, the detective proceeded to the second, when suddenly the first suspect jumped up and tried to grab the detective's firearm. While the detective and the suspect were in a fierce struggle, the second suspect ran away. At one stage, the detective fell and the suspect jumped on top of him. A warning shot was fired by the detective, but the suspect did not stop his assault, which resulted in the detective shooting him on the upper body. The suspect died on scene. Most of the stolen property, which has an estimated value of R10 000, was recovered by the police, who have opened armed robbery-, murder- and attack on police official cases. "We are currently pursuing the other suspect, still at large," said Captain Adèle Myburgh of SAPS.

Trading in Lion Cubs

Morokweng – Police in Morokweng (North West) nabbed two Botswana nationals on November 13 after the two were allegedly caught with two live lion calves, four lion skins and lion bones. The two suspects were arrested at Morokweng village and according to information received; the two lions were found hidden in an abandoned house in the village.

The Police were alerted by community members and upon arrival; they also discovered four lion skins and bones in a vehicle outside. As a result the two lions were transported to a nearby game lodge. Meanwhile, the two suspects briefly appeared before the Ganyesa Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 15 November 2011 and were remanded in custody. A case of illegal possession of game was registered and police are carrying out further investigations.

Brick Attacks...

Rustenburg/ Thlabane – A man who severely assaulted another by bashing him with a brick has been found guilty and sentenced by the Bafokeng Regional Court. Kabelo Molotlhanyi (22) of Lefaragatlhe – who was facing charges of assault with the intention to commit grievous bodily harm – was found guilty. Apparently, Molotlhanyi had a heated argument with the complainant. While the complainant was walking with his friend on their way home, Molotlhanyi followed them (20 September 2010). That was when he

struck the complainant with a paving brick in the face. Molotlhanyi will have to pay an admission guilt fine of R4 000 or spend the next 18 months in jail. He chose the R4000.

However, the sentence was suspended for three years on condition that he is not found guilty of any crime and sentenced to imprisonment without an option of a fine.

The court also declared him unfit to possess a firearm. The case was investigated by Sergeant Sefora of the Thlabane Detective Unit.