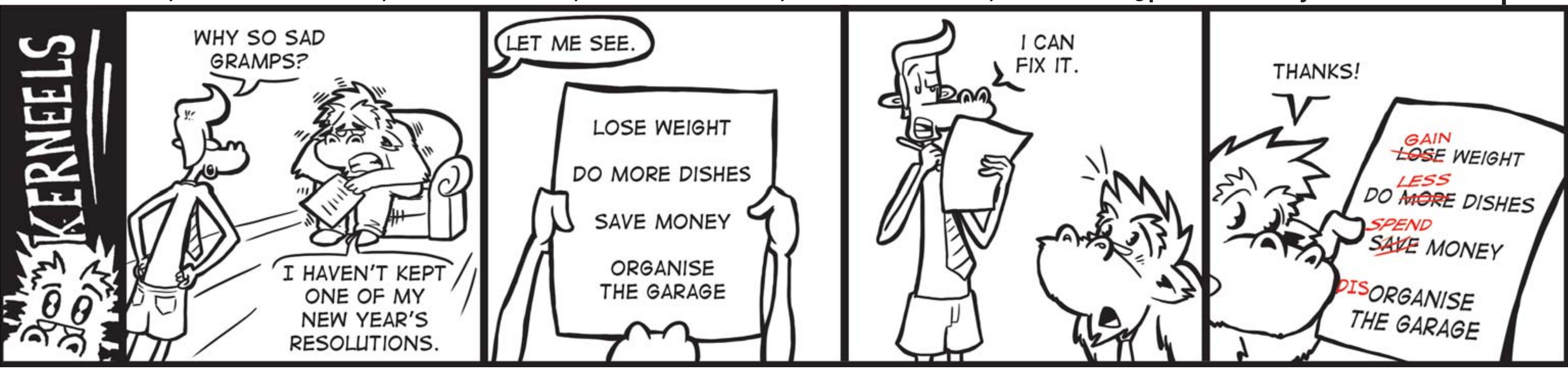

Twee vasgetrek vir Durant se moord

Rustenburg – 'n Bejaarde egpaar Mnr André Durant (61) en sy vrou Etrecia (59) het wakker geskrik na 'n geluid op Sondagaand omstreeks middernag, 26 Februarie 2017. Eers het hulle gedink dit was hul twee katjies wat geraas maak.

Hul woning is 'n dubbelverdieping in die Savanna Falls sekuriteitskompleks, Waterval Oos, op die R24 ongeveer 4km uit die stad.

Durant het ondertoe gegaan om ondersoek in te stel en afgekom op boewe wat besig was om hul sekuriteitshek oop te breek.

Kort voor lank het die skurke deurgebreek. Hulle het mnr Durant oorrompel en aangerand. Mnr Durant wou sy vrou beskerm en het probeer om die skurke buite toe af te weer. Sekondes later is twee skote afgevuur. "Durant is in die wangbeen en maag geskiet," aldus Kaptein Elsabé Augoustides, polisiewoordvoerder.

Sy vrou, nog in die bokant van hul tuiste, het die bure gebel wat haar toe aanmaan "Bly binne! Kruip weg, ons sal die polisie ontbied, maar bly binne!" Sy het haarself in die badkamer gaan toesluit.

In sy toestand het Durant probeer om hulp te soek en het strompelend neergeval voor 'n huis langsaan. Hy is hospitaal toe vervoer maar dood verklaar met aankoms.

Die moordenaars het weggekom met 'n platskerm-tv.

Op Woensdag, 1 Maart 2017 is twee verdagtes vasgetrek en hulle sal binnekort voor die Rustenburgse landdroshof verskyn. Die polisie-ondersoek duur voort.

Ons getuig ons innige simpatie aan die Durant familie en vriende.

Shootout at Waterfall Mall

Rustenburg – A 53-year old local businessman, on his way to deposit cash at one of the banks located in the Waterfall Mall, was robbed at gunpoint in the parking area.

He was robbed off a substantial amount of cash.

The incident occurred on Monday afternoon, at about 15h00, 27 February 2017, when he neared one of the entrances to the mall. He was overpowered by four men – all pointing their pistols at him. They forcefully grabbed the cash from the businessmen before speeding away in one of the latest Mercedes Benz C-class model vehicles (silver).

"Just as the culprits took off, an armed bystander rushed to assist and in the process three vehicles were damaged," Sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, police spokesperson, said.

According to Jessica Varty, Waterfall Mall's marketing manager, "The suspects fired two shots in the air, grabbed the bag of cash and got into their getaway vehicle. Within seconds, an unidentified individual got out of his bakkie and fired several shots at the speeding car. He hit the suspects' vehicle, as well as other vehicles in the parking area. This individual then also sped away from the scene. We are fortunate that no one was injured during the shooting."

The Rustenburg police appeal to the unknown bystander/eyewitness who shot at the suspects, to contact them as soon as possible. The police also ask that the owners of the damaged vehicles make contact with them.

Anyone with additional information should please contact the Rustenburg detectives head, lieutenant colonel Tlholoe on 082-772 7516 or detective w/o Khumalo on 082-773 0590 or 014-590 4258.

"The police appeal to the community, especially businessmen and women, to be cautious when carrying large amounts of cash," Sgt Mokgadi added.

"We would like to inform patrons that Waterfall Mall's safety procedure was followed by the Fidelity and car guards to the letter. Our operations manager was informed directly, as well as the police who very swiftly responded. The Rustenburg police's investigation continues," Varty said.

"We would like to encourage people to be vigilant when transporting cash to the bank and ensure they are not being followed from their offices or homes. We also urge the public to be safe and not expose themselves to potentially dangerous situations like this. The safety of our tenants and shoppers is our top priority and we have the necessary security processes and procedures in place at Waterfall Mall," Varty added.

Rustenburg SAPS Numbers – URGENT AID

Rustenburg – "Herewith urgent aid contact details of the Rustenburg Police at the Radio Room, if you are in a distress situation," Captain Elsabè Augoustides, police spokesperson, said. This comes after numerous faulty Telkom lives have been reported.

- **War Room: 060 987 5487**
  (This telephone number is only switched on when the normal emergency numbers are down)
- **Phokeng: 014-566 1720 or 1731**