

MAGALIESBERG rescue successful



An elderly lady slipped and fell along a hiking trail in a very inaccessible area in the Magaliesberg.

Magaliesberg – Netcare 911 paramedics were summoned to assist Mountain Rescue, the South African Air force from 17 Squadron and a team from Off Road Rescue Unit, to locate and treat a 77-year old woman. "The woman had injured herself in Magaliesberg on Sunday, 12 March 2017," Chris Botha, Netcare 911 spokesperson, said.

Reports from the scene indicate that the elderly lady slipped and fell along a very inaccessible part of the hiking trail at around 10h30.

The rescue team managed to locate the hikers and after the patient was examined, it was found that she sustained serious injuries. The paramedics stabilised the lady and after she was immobilised in a specialised stretcher, they hoisted her with the medic and rescuers into the Oryx helicopter. She was then flown to a specialised hospital in Gauteng for the care that she required.

Cops foil armed robbers

Rustenburg – Sunday morning, 12 March 2017 about 09h30, a clothing shop in CBD Rustenburg, in Fatima Bhayat street, was the target of three armed men.

A female employee of the shop was tending to her work, when a man entered the shop and instructed her to be quiet. He was followed by two armed men.

The gunmen ordered the employees and clients into the stock room, while the manager was ordered to collect all cell phones and place them in a box.

While he was collecting the phones, a man from Fidelity visited the shop. One of the ladies in the shop signalled the Fidelity guard, that he indeed entered a hostage situation.

He left the shop and immediately contacted the police for backup.

When the police arrived on scene, two suspects managed to flee the scene, but the police managed to arrest one suspect.

The staff members and customers were found unharmed.

The police confiscated a 9mm pistol and five live rounds at the scene. The get-away vehicle was also impounded.

"The Fidelity personnel and the police members are commended for outstanding work under life-threatening circumstances," Captain Elsabé Augoustides, police spokesperson, said.

The suspect, Lesego Mokwape, appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court and remains in custody. Investigations continue.

MORE DONKEY SKINS DISCOVERED AT A RESIDENCE IN THE NORTH WEST

The National Council of SPCAs Farm Animal Protection Unit responded to a tip-off and obtained a warrant to enter a residential property in Vryburg in the North West province. Together with members from the Vryburg SAPS Stock Theft Unit, the NSPCA uncovered approximately 30 donkey skins inside the house.

According to the tenant of the property, all the skins that were discovered belonged to him. The skins had been purchased from surrounding villages where donkeys had been slaughtered inhumanely and illegal-

ly, according to information that was obtained from the suspect. He will be charged under the Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000 and charges under the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 are being considered.

According to the tenant, this was a small consignment and many others, much larger in size, had already been sold and shipped off to various customers.

The donkey skins found at the property have been logged as evidence with the local SAPS and have been removed to a place of safety.

The NSPCA Inspector remains in

the area, working on the case and others.

An urgent appeal is made – anyone with information of any kind may contact the NSPCA via nspca@nspca.co.za. You may remain anonymous but the more information you are able to give, the more helpful it will be in tracking down and bringing to justice those involved in this despicable, horrendous and cruel trade.

National SPCA press release, 10 March 2017.

Six nabbed for Truck-Hijacking

Rustenburg – A truck travelling from Botswana to South Africa was hijacked on the N4, between Zeerust and Rustenburg on Monday, 6 March 2017.

The truck was loaded to the brim with non-ferrous metals including copper, manganese and stainless steel, all to an estimated value of R 300 000.00, Brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, police spokesperson confirmed.

Reports indicate that the suspects detached a trailer from the truck and left it along the N4 national route. Later on, the truck was abandoned in Rustenburg. The suspects

then hired another truck to tow the trailer to a scrap-yard. The goods were apparently in transit to a scrap-yard in Mmakau (De Wildt) area near Brits. The trailer was eventually found in Soshanguve near Pretoria.

Tip-offs from the community assisted the Rustenburg Flying Squad to trace the six suspects, aged between 22 and 62.

The suspects appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court on Monday, 13 March 2017, and face charges of the possession of suspected stolen goods and hijacking.



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DRUG-BUST at private school in Rustenburg

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Police 'visited' a private school in Rustenburg on Thursday morning, 9 March 2017. Police members, accompanied by members of Public Safety, arrived at the school shortly after 08h00.

A small quantity of dagga (a 'bankie') and two thinly rolled dagga zolls, were confiscated. The dagga and cigarettes were found in a carry bag in one of the class rooms. A small plastic 'bankie' containing some dagga was found in a dust bin, possibly dumped when the police arrived at the school.

No arrests were made.

Learners were warned of the dangers of possession of narcotics and the dealing in drugs. Learners were requested to be disciplined and to respect their school, co-learners and teachers.

Sporadic visits to secondary schools can be expected in future.

"The main aim of these visits is to eradicate the possession and later dealing in

drugs at school level. Innocent children might become involved when others start experimenting with drugs. Possession and dealing in drugs are illegal. Drug-abuse destroys lives," Captain Elsabé Augoustides, police spokesperson, said.



A/Off Shadrack Moloto, one of the police officers at the school.

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RUSTENBURG DRUG-BUST VALUED AT R80 000

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Police arrested a couple and seized cocaine with an estimated street value of more than R80, 000.00 during a raid at their property in Rustenburg Noord, in the early hours of Monday morning, 6 March 2017.

The arrests came as a result of an ongoing intelligence driven operations aimed to curb drug trafficking activities and other serious crimes within the Rustenburg Cluster. According to Brigadier Sabata

Mokgwabone, police spokesperson, the Police have been monitoring the illegal drug dealings that were taking place at the house for some time.

Members of K9 Phokeng raided the house. They recovered cocaine weighing 323.5 grams concealed inside the pillows in the couple's bed. The pair aged, 32 and 43, appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court facing charges of the possession of drugs. Investigations continue.

