



One killed, one injured on R24



Rustenburg – A man, believed to be 27 years old, was killed and another injured in a collision between two vehicles on the R24 close to Magalies View, Rustenburg, on Sunday evening, 21 January, according to ER24. At approximately 20h20, ER24 paramedics arrived at the scene and found the driver of a black Audi entrapped in his car.

After fire and rescue personnel managed to free the man, ER24 paramedics did everything they could to resuscitate the man, but he was unfortunately declared dead on scene by the paramedics. The driver of another car, believed to be in his 30s, sustained minor injuries and was transported to hospital by other emergency services on scene. Investigations continue.

Two Rustenburg cops in court

Rustenburg – Two police officials appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Thursday, 25 January on charges for the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition. The two suspects, aged 30 and 35, were apprehended on Tuesday, 23 January in Rustenburg. The two, a man and woman, were pulled over by police. Upon searching the vehicle, a computer box, .38 special revolver with the serial number filed off, live ammunition and a cartridge were discovered in the two police officials' vehicle. They were arrested for failing to account for the items found during the search. The two is stationed at the Rustenburg Local Criminal Record Centre and Dobsonville respectively. The duo faces an internal departmental investigation. "This will serve as a warning that we will not hesitate to deal with our own members who are involved in crime," says brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone, police spokesperson.



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Tiger spotted in Rustenburg



Tiger spotted in Rustenburg on 22 January along Doctor Moroka Drive.

Rustenburg – The *Platinum Weekly* newspaper was contacted on Tuesday by residents of Rustenburg and surrounds who claimed to have spotted a tiger along Doctor Moroka Drive in Rustenburg on Monday, 22 January at around 20h30. We later confirmed that a well-known veterinarian was called to a scene at around 22h00 on Monday evening where the tiger was reportedly hit by a car. However, upon arrival the animal had disappeared. It is thought that the owner of the tiger managed to track it down and recaptured it. No further sightings of the beast have been reported.

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Get the SACCW panic button

Rustenburg – After a break in at two different estate agencies in town, Morné Engelbrecht, acting chief operations officer of South African Community Crime Watch (SACCW) has the following safety tips we should all follow:

- Test all beams and door/window contacts and sensors.
- Test panic buttons that are linked to your security service provider.
- Check your CCTV systems, make sure all cameras are recording, your camera might show on screen, but that does not mean it is recording, test these as well.
- Lock away all laptops and other valuables; do not leave it in plain sight.

Remember: A "client" might enter your premises on some pretext; these are usually the scouts who make mental notes of the set up and layout of your offices. Always be vigilant. SACCW has introduced a personal panic button which can be activated from your phone to SACCW for your personal safety. This panic button can be downloaded from the SACCW website: www.saccw.org. "Take note of your surroundings, be aware of strangers loitering. Download the panic button on our website for your peace of mind," says Engelbrecht.



Fivelifesentences for local rapist

Rustenburg – A rapist who had spread fear within the Boitekong community from December 2010 until 2013, got five life sentences and three years behind bars, as sentenced by the Rustenburg Regional Court on Thursday, 18 January. Kgomoiso Justice Molotsi began his reign of terror in December 2010, when he raped three cousins aged between 16 and 29 years of age. For this case the accused received three life terms for eight counts of rape. His fourth life sentence was imposed after he raped a 24-year old; and his fifth life sentence was sentenced after he raped a 27-year old woman in December 2013. The court further sentenced Molotsi to three years imprisonment for sexual assault against a 27-year old woman in April 2013 in Boitekong. Molotsi modus operandi was to wait for victims who would be on their way home at night, attacking and raping the victims in the bushes, while threatening the victims with a knife. The accused was linked through DNA matches to all six cases. "We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the investigating officer, detective warrant officer Mokgathe Mokgathe and all other members of the police, the community and the prosecution team for working together to ensure that a conviction is secured," says lieutenant colonel Pelonomi Makau, police spokesperson.

