



# Mihla's MONEY STOLEN

**Rustenburg** – Heartless criminals stole donations intended for cancer-fighter, 5-year old Mihla Engelbrecht. Staff members at Party Box in Kock street, Rustenburg, were tied up and held at gunpoint on Saturday 19 January. A large amount of cash was stolen. This money was raised by the community during a coin laying campaign for the shop owner Selmar Pelsers granddaughter Mihla Engelbrecht. Three men entered the store and waited for the customers to leave before turning on Lena Molapisi, an employee of the store. She was tied up and taken to a room at the back. Lela Mompoti, another employee was standing outside when the suspects grabbed her and tied her up. The perpetrators then proceeded to a locked bathroom where several buckets full of donated cash were held. Another suspect kept guard outside, whilst the criminals loaded buckets filled with donations into a vehicle. While the suspects were busy loading the cash, Lena managed to untie herself and lurched over an electric fence to raise alarm. Once the culprits realised she escaped, they fled the scene. They got away with a large amount of cash. This money was raised by the community during coin laying campaigns for the shop owner Selmar Pelsers granddaughter Mihla Engelbrecht. Mihla is a five-year-old girl who was only three when she was diagnosed with cerebral neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer.

States of America (USA) to get treatment. An amount of R6 895 000 was required to save her life. Mihla has undergone surgery, had a near total resection of the tumour last year and multi-agent chemotherapy was proposed allowing Mihla to be at least five years old before receiving full brain and spinal radiation. Mihla is currently in New Jersey and is staying at the Ronald McDonald Charity house while undergoing treatment. She has just finished her first ten sessions of craniospinal radiation but still has a long road ahead. Everyone is looking forward to once again see Mihla with her long blond hair. Selmar wishes to thank everybody that assisted her employees after the trauma they went through. A special thank you to Sois Potgieter, Gerrie and Berna le Roux for all their help and support. Police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides confirmed that this matter might be linked to the Sweet Express business robbery that took place a few days earlier, on 14 January.



At the tender age of three, Mihla was diagnosed with cerebral neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer. Numerous fundraisers have been held in this little girl's name. The diagnosis of this rare form of cancer was a devastating shock to Mihla's parents Rudo and Shani.

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## OOM BEN SE LOT

**Rustenburg** – Die gemeenskap van Rustenburg het die hartseer verhaal van Ben Martins, meer bekend as 'Oom Ben' begin volg nadat hy op 9 Desember 2018 – verward en vol bloed – op die sypaadjie voor Zorba kafee gevind is. Hy is vandaar na Tlhabane kliniek geneem vir behandeling. Vrywilligers van regoor Rustenburg het ingegryp en skenkings van klere en selfs 'n selfoon gemaak. Na menige oproepe is sy familie opgespoor. Volgende op die pad na sy herstel was om vir hom blyplek te kry. Sy ID en SASSA kaart was gesteel en hy kon dus nie na een van die geregistreerde instansies toe gaan nie. Volgens sosiale media kon Oom Ben ook nie langer by Tlhabane kliniek aanbly nie en sou oorgeplaas word na Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) waar daar egter nie 'n oop bed vir hom was nie. Vele mense het aangebied om vir hom 'n veilige hawe te bied, maar hy sou eers moes mediese behandeling ondergaan vir sy verslawing. Gemeenskapslede was salig onder die indruk dat Oom Ben geholpe en veilig is, en almal het met hulle lewens aangegaan met die begin van die feesseisoen. Chris Pieterse, Oom Ben se swaer het egter bevestig dat ten spyte van die feit dat Oom Ben verward was en skaars kon loop, sy maatskaplike werker hom op 14 Desember in Oos Einde langs die pad gaan aflaai het omdat hy geen ander heenkome gehad het nie. Chris en sy vrou het dadelik plan gemaak om van die Kaap af na Rustenburg te kom om hom te help – maar hulle was te laat.

Op 24 Desember is 'n baie siek en swak Oom Ben gevind waar hy op 'n stuk lap lê in 'n leë huis in Oos Einde. Hy was dadelik gehaas na Tlhabane kliniek maar moes weereens oorgeplaas word na JST. Oom Ben is op 25 Desember in die ambulans op pad na JST oorlede en is op 4 Januarie begrawe. Daar is baie vroeë omtrent Oom Ben se dood en die noodlot van ander persone in sy posisie.



Oom Ben in sy jonger dae.

Weather Report North West  
**RUSTENBURG**

Friday	25 January 2019	34°C - 20°C
Saturday	26 January 2019	33°C - 17°C
Sunday	27 January 2019	27°C - 17°C
Monday	28 January 2019	28°C - 18°C
Tuesday	29 January 2019	30°C - 18°C

Rainfall probability (%)  
0  
Sunrise 04:40  
Sunset 17:49

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS			
ZAR / USD	13.82	-0.00%	
Rand/Pound	17.65	0.26%	
Rand/Euro	15.72	0.02%	
Rand/Aus Dollar	9.81	0.59%	
Dollar/Pound	1.30	0.21%	
Pound/Euro	1.15	0.02%	
GOLD	1,280.28	-0.42%	
Platinum	796.05	0.38%	
Palladium	1,311.15	-1.93%	

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### URGENT NOTICE TO RUSTENBURG FIREARM OWNERS

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg firearm department respectfully urge all firearm owners – especially those who have applied since January 2018 to collect their Competency Cards from their offices – Room 21. For enquiries please contact Pricilla Ransurab, Lucia Lebele or captain Joey von Benecke on 014 590 4164.

### WOMAN HELD HOSTAGE ON MORNING RUN

**Kroondal** – On the morning of Tuesday 22 January at about 05:00, a 45 year-old woman and her daughter were attached when they went for their usual morning run in Kroondal. They were forced into the bushes next to the road by an unknown number of assailants. According to police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides, the daughter managed to alert the authorities after the assailants let her go. The Rustenburg police reacted swiftly and sent in their K9 unit who managed to find the woman hiding in the bushes. The woman was taken to hospital for observation.

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