



CAPTIVE LIONS IN APPALLING CONDITIONS

North West Province – Inspectors from the National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA) wildlife protection unit obtained a warrant after receiving a complaint regarding captive lions held in a shocking conditions in the North West Province.

Upon arrival, the inspectors were horrified to find two lion cubs that were unable to walk and appeared to be showing signs that they were suffering from a neurological condition. The NSPCA removed the two cubs for assessment and veterinary treatment by a specialist carnivore veterinarian.

Other issues such as too small enclosures and inadequate shelter, insufficient water supply, overcrowding, and filthy and parasitic conditions were noted in the camps that

contained lion, caracal, tiger, and leopard – 27 of the lions had mange (a skin disease) and the caracal were obese and unable to properly groom themselves.

"It is deplorable that any animal would be forced to live in such conditions with such medical ailments. The fact that these are wild animals that are already living unnatural lives in confinement for the purposes of trade, it just makes it more horrific," said senior inspector Douglas Wolhuter, manager of the NSPCA's wildlife protection unit.

The investigation is ongoing, and the NSPCA is currently building a strong case and have every intention of ensuring that justice is appropriately served for the animals. The NSPCA would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the Lichtenburg South African Police Service (SAPS) for their tremendous support in enforcing the warrant.

The trade of wild animals opens the door to abhorrent cruelty, whether it be intentional or negligent.
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SENSEI ARYAN'S BRAVERY SAVES THE DAY

Rustenburg – Sensei Aryan Manilal used the skills he has been taught at the Traditional Styles Known Knowledge In Action (TSKKIA) karate club to good effect when he fought off a knife-wielding robber and recovered his mother's handbag on Saturday 23 February.

The incident occurred after Aryan and his mother had finished shopping for groceries at one of the shops in the central business district (CBD) in Rustenburg.

As he was putting some of the groceries into the backseat, a man approached them and demanded Aryan's mom's bag while threatening her with a knife.

Fearing for her life, she handed him her purse. The suspect ran off with the bag. Realising what had just happened, Aryan chased after the man, grabbed him by the neck and used his skills to force the thief to let go of the bag.

"I am so proud of Aryan for being brave, using what he learnt and for doing the right thing," said Shihan Albert Venter, founder of TSKKIA.

For more information contact TSKKIA headquarters at 082 463 1073 or visit www.tskkia.co.za.



Shihan Albert Venter and Sensei Aryan Manilal.








Weather Report North West

RUSTENBURG

Friday	19	April	2019	28°C - 14°C	Rainfall probability (%) 0  Sunrise 06:40 Sunset 17:49
Saturday	20	April	2019	28°C - 14°C	
Sunday	21	April	2019	27°C - 14°C	
Monday	22	April	2019	22°C - 12°C	
Tuesday	23	April	2019	21°C - 12°C	

At time of printing


FINANCIAL INDICATORS		
ZAR / USD	13.97	0.53%
Rand/Pound	18.20	0.79%
Rand/Euro	15.79	0.45%
Rand/Aus Dollar	10.05	0.31%
Dollar/Pound	1.30	0.08%
Pound/Euro	1.15	-0.16%
GOLD	1,278.08	-0.80%
Platinum	890.20	0.82%
Palladium	1,339.00	-1.83%



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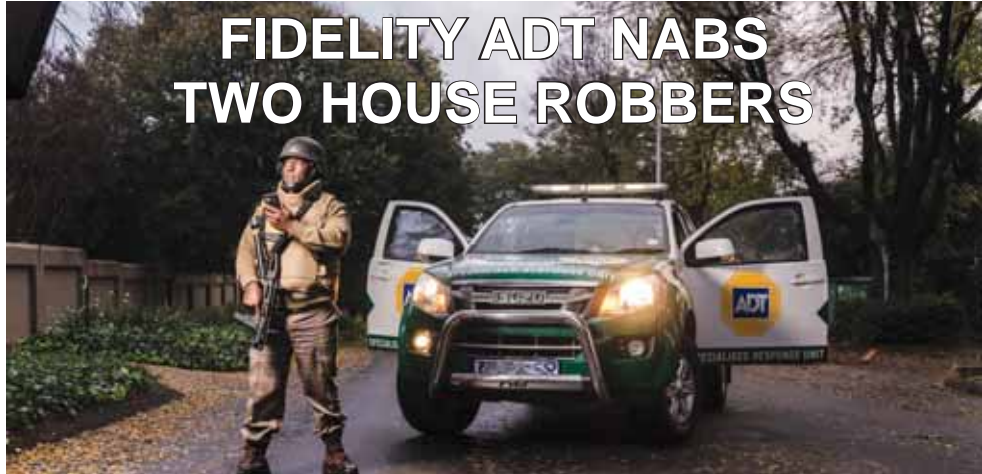
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FIDELITY ADT NABS TWO HOUSE ROBBERS



Rustenburg – Reaction officer at Fidelity ADT Ronald Mokgnoyana was dispatched to a property on 31 March at around 09:07 in Marais Street, Rustenburg, following an alarm activation.

"As I was driving up to the property, I noticed a group of men heading in my direction. They were carrying several items. As soon as they saw me, they dropped the items and ran away – in different directions," said Ronald. He gave chase and managed to catch one of the

suspects. He immediately called for back-up. The back-up vehicle arrived and apprehended a second suspect.

According to branch manager of Fidelity ADT, Maurice Malan, both suspects were handed over to the Rustenburg Police and the stolen goods were returned to the owner. "We want to urge all residents to ensure that their alarm systems are in working condition and armed. Even if you are home, arm certain zones around the house so you can remain protected," said Maurice.