



SHARP INCREASE IN BUSINESS ROBBERIES

Rustenburg – At least nine business robberies in eleven days had been reported in various parts of Rustenburg during June, a shocking statistic that points towards a sharp and alarming increase in the levels of crime. Below is a timeline and details of several business robberies:

- **Thursday 20 June** - A diesel truck was stolen at Learn Fast School, which is located at Bergsig Academy.
- **Thursday 20 June** - A burglary was reported on a construction site along the R24 road.
- **Monday 25 June** - A break-in occurred at Pep stores, which is located next to the Department of Home Affairs offices. The suspects are believed to have gained access into the store through the roof.
- **Wednesday 27 June** - An armed robbery occurred at KFC in Safari Tuine. According

to reports, two employees were injured after shots were fired.

- **Thursday 28 June** - There was an armed robbery at Zorba Liquor stores in the East End area. A cell phone belonging to a security guard was stolen.
- **Friday 29 June** - A business robbery was reported at Stoltz Group in Beyers Naude. Batteries were stolen after the suspects gained access through the roof.
- **Saturday 30 June** - An armed robbery at Princess Café, which is located at the corner of Beyers Naude Drive and Zending Street.
- **Tuesday 2 July** – Four suspects were about to break into Pep stores in Midtown Mall when they were arrested by the Rustenburg police.
- **Wednesday 3 July** – There was a business robbery at Inkpot, opposite the Rustenburg

Local Municipality (RLM) offices, in Beyers Naude Street at around 05:00. According to reports, cartridges were among the stolen items.

Four of the robberies have been confirmed by the police. Police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides told *Platinum Weekly*: “I can confirm that there were robberies at KFC, Zorba Liquor Stores and Princess Café. The police are investigating, and no arrests have been made yet.”

Anyone with information that could assist police investigations is requested to contact the Rustenburg Police Detectives unit at 014 590 4258.



BREAK-IN FOILED

Rustenburg – In the early hours of Tuesday 2 July, police successfully arrested four suspects. According to police spokesperson Captain Elsabé Augoustides, the suspects were about to break into Pep stores at Midtown Mall when they were apprehended.



The task team that successfully arrested four suspects.

PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME

Rustenburg – Yet another criminal was taken off the streets of Rustenburg thanks to the collaboration between the Rustenburg Police and Bojanala Crime Unit (BCU). Rustenburg has many crime fighting partners that continue to yield positive successes. Mthusi Seome was sentenced to 18 months in jail on Tuesday 18 June by the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on charges of theft. According to police spokesperson sergeant Ofentse Mokgadi, the suspect's modus operandi was to break into vehicles and steal items inside.

The BCU persued a cold case and after months of investigation, they managed to track the perpetrator. Major general Arthur Adams thanked the BCU for their assistance and commitment to fighting crime in Rustenburg – THANK YOU!



The BCU team with constable Sameul Matimbe who ensured that the criminal is now behind bars.

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PROTESTERS NABBED FOR VIOLENCE AND LOOTING

Potchefstroom – Ten people were arrested and charged with public violence following a wave of protests in Ikageng and Kanana near Potchefstroom. They appeared before the Potchefstroom Magistrates' Court on Friday 28 June.

The suspects, aged between 18 and 46 years, took part in the three-day protests which started on Monday 24 June.

One of the suspects, a 36-year old man, was arrested after the protestors used an excavator to damage internal roads leading to Kanana and Top City. The other nine were among the 300 residents from Extension 11 in Ikageng who barricaded the N12 road between Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom with various objects.

The protesters allegedly pelted the police and motorists with stones while goods were looted from a delivery truck.

“The illegal act led to the closure of the road and motorists traveling either way between Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp were forced to use the Mooibank road as an alternative,” police spokesperson colonel Adèle Myburgh said. The police are carrying out further investigations. “At this stage, we cannot determine the worth of the groceries that were looted from the truck. These and other details will emerge during the investigations,” she said.

She added that the extent of damage to the roads caused by the protestors would be established once the Tlokwe Local Municipality had carried out an assessment.

TWO RAPISTS = 90 YEARS JAILTIME

North West – Two men were handed long jail sentences by the Zeerust Regional Court, which convicted them of rape and murder in separate and unrelated incidents.

On Friday 21 June, the court sentenced **Othutitse Ernest** Seleka to 45 years behind bars after the state successfully proved he raped two women in 2014. Othutitse, who is 26-years old, was also found guilty of attempting to rape a woman in 2015. Investigations by warrant officer Hein Rabe from the Police Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit in Lehurutshe proved how Othutitse raped a 17-year-old woman in Motswedi Village. After befriending the woman, he volunteered to walk her home. Along the way, he forced her into a dry riverbed, threatened her with a knife and raped her.

His second attempt to rape her was foiled by two boys who were passing through the area. The suspect was arrested that same day.

In the second incident, Othutitse broke into a house located in the same village on Sunday 28 December 2014 but failed to rape a 64-year old woman, who screamed and alerted her son after spotting the intruder.

In the third incident, which occurred on Friday 13 November 2015, Othutitse repeatedly raped a 16-year old girl for more than six hours in a dry riverbed.

The same court also sentenced **Rapula Mothibedi** to 40 years behind bars on Tuesday 25 June 2019 after he was convicted of rape and murder.

Evidence gathered by warrant officer Kgomoiso Mogadime from the Groot Marico Detectives unit proved that sometime in 2018, Rapula raped and strangled an 18-year old woman to death at Reboile location.

“The woman was visiting her boyfriend in an area where the suspect also stayed in a shack behind the main house,” police spokesperson colonel Adèle Myburgh said. “The accused took the victim, who was alone at home, to his shack during the day, then raped and strangled her to death,” she

added.

The suspect attempted to conceal the crime by hiding the body. However, investigations led the police to an area with thick shrubbery near the N4 road where they discovered the body on Sunday 2 September 2018.

Rapula was arrested shortly after the discovery of the body.



Warrant officer Kgomoiso Mogadime.



Warrant officer Hein Rabe.

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