



TWO SHOT IN FAILED HIJACKING

Rustenburg – Two people were fortunate to escape with their lives after they were shot by armed men in a failed hijacking on Saturday 3 August.

The incident occurred along the R104 near Samancor Mine at around 12:30. Rustenburg police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides told the *Platinum Weekly* that the two were sitting in a Toyota Corolla when they were approached by the armed hijackers.

“The assailant pointed a gun at the victims and ordered them to get out. They refused and sped off instead to which the gun men opened fire. The driver of the car was shot in the hand while the passenger was injured in the foot. They drove into Samancor mine where they were assisted by the security guards and the police were contacted.” Elsabé said.



290 JAILED IN NORTH WEST

Potchefstroom – A total of 290 people were arrested throughout the North West province for various offences during an operation by the South African Police Service (SAPS) on Wednesday 31 July and Thursday 1 August.

Police spokesperson colonel Adèle Myburgh said: “44 of the suspects

were arrested for crimes against women and children. Some of the suspects were arrested for assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, robbery, malicious damage to property, theft, rape, contravening of protection orders and many other offences.”

The suspects have appeared before various magistrate courts around the province to be tried for their offences.

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DEADLY WEEKEND ON RUSTENBURG ROADS...

Rustenburg – On Saturday 3 August, at approximately 07:00 in the morning, two people died in a four-vehicle pileup along the N4 near Kroondal.

In this incident, Stephan de Meyer (44) died upon impact when the black BMW he was driving crashed head-on into a grey Hyundai. Sarah Mokoena (37) died in a secondary accident after the vehicle she was travelling in crashed into a Toyota Prado.

The Toyota had performed an emergency stop in an effort to avoid the first accident.

Rustenburg police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides said “Stephan’s vehicle was engulfed in flames shortly after impact. By the time a passenger from one of the other vehicles tried to cut Stephan’s safety belt to free him, they realised it was too late”.

Both Stephan and Sarah were declared dead by paramedics on scene.

On Sunday Gerhard Vlok (28) died in Safari Tuine after his vehicle crashed into a tree while he was travelling in Arend road.

“This accident occurred at around 01:00 in the morning,” Elsabé said.

Police are investigating the causes of both accidents.



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THE MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT CARE [Letter to the editor]

Rustenburg – After begging en pleading to an indifferent Rustenburg Local Municipality [RLM] I am now writing this open letter to the public.

I am sure I am not the only taxpayer who has to endure the terrible smell from the raw sewerage flowing past my kitchen window.

For more than two weeks now, the sewerage has been bubbling up in Bokmakierie Street, which is located in the Cashan area of Rustenburg.

We informed the RLM, but they have not done a single thing about it, leaving us to suffer this unbearable stench.

Why has the municipality taken no action? It seems that they have forgotten about us.

Concerned Resident, Cashan



Residents are concerned with the flow of raw sewerage



The smell from the sewerage is unbearable