



FAMILY ATTACKED AND ROBBED

Rustenburg -A family living near Hekpoort was attacked by four men on Friday 16 August at around 23:00.

The Police confirm that four farm attackers entered the house belonging to a 62-year old man through one of the windows while the three occupants were asleep.

"They demanded the keys to the safe and money, ordering the victims to lie on the floor," police spokesperson constable Gloria Maswanganye said.

"One of the victims was assaulted with a spanner before being tortured with boiling water and a hot iron" she added.

The robbers then fled the scene with two firearms, a television set, laptops, an iPad, and cellphones.

The victims locked themselves in one of the rooms fearing that the intruders would return. At daybreak they went to a neighbour who then raised the alarm.

The victims were taken to hospital, one was treated for severe burn wounds while the two others were attended to by a doctor.

The police are investigating the incident and warned the community that the four men are armed and dangerous.

Anyone with any information is requested to contact the police on 014 576 9100 or 086 001 011.



'OPERATION BASADI' NETS 263 SUSPECTS

North West – A total of 263 suspects were arrested during a two-day operation by women police officers.

'Operation Basadi' which was intended to flush out criminal activities and arrest offenders throughout the North West is part of Women's Month commemorations and took place from Thursday 15 August to Friday 16 August.

Arrests were made for crimes such as assault, crimes against women and children, drug and liquor related offences.

"The suspects were arrested at all the seven policing clusters in the province. 56 were apprehended in Brits, 41 in Rustenburg, 45 in Mahikeng, 33 in Pudimoe while others were arrested in Zeerust, Klerksdorp and Vryburg," police spokesperson captain Aafje Botma said.

During the operation, fines worth R28 000 were issued to road traffic offenders while the police managed to recover a trailer that was stolen in 2006 in Pretoria West.

JEALOUS RAGE LEADS TO MURDER

Potchefstroom – A 31-year old man has appeared in court for allegedly murdering the man his girlfriend was having an affair with. He found them together inside a house in Rustenburg North and allegedly went into a jealous fit of rage.

Peter Bila, will remain in custody after appearing before the Bafokeng Magistrates Court on Monday 19 August. He is facing one count of murder, two counts of attempted murder, arson and malicious damage to property.

"It is alleged that Peter doused the house with petrol and set it alight after he found his 37-year-old girlfriend with another man" Rustenburg police spokesperson Elsabe Augoustides said.

"He allegedly set fire the victim's vehicles that were parked outside," Elsabe added.

One of the car's petrol tank exploded and a 13-year old girl, who was near the explosion sustained severe burn wounds.

Peter was arrested shortly after the incident and the investigation continues.

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AIRCRAFT CRASH:



Site of the crash. Photo: ER24

Hartbeespoort – on Saturday 17 August at approximately 12:00 -midday- two people died after their light aircraft crashed in an area between Hartbeespoort and Akasia.

At this stage it is believed that the aircraft belongs to a flight school and that the accident happened during flight training.

ER24 spokesperson Ross Campbell told *Platinum Weekly* that personnel from Search and Rescue were among the first to arrive at the scene.

"When paramedics arrived, they found the bodies of two men in the wreckage. They showed no signs of life and were declared dead on arrival" he said.

The names of the victims have not yet been released.

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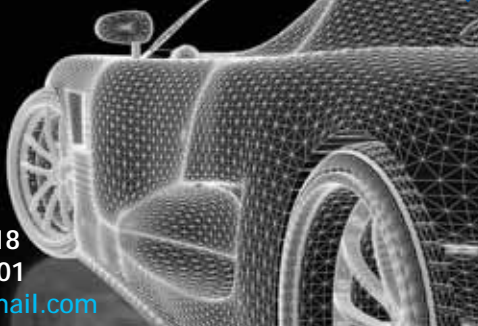
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SUSPECTED GANGSTER TO FACE FIVE COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

Rustenburg – Thirth-two-year-old Isaac Moruane appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 14 August facing 5 counts of attempted murder. He is believed to have links with dangerous gangs from Lesotho.

He will remain in custody while the investigation continues.

Isaac, whose known aliases are 'Thato Motsepe', 'Black', 'Boleke' and 'Chimama', was arrested at the Rustenburg taxi rank on Wednesday 24 July after the police received information about his whereabouts.

Isaac is linked to a murder case dating back to 2015 in which he allegedly shot and killed a man in Sunrise Park. The case was withdrawn after the witness went missing.

"The accused is linked to four other counts of attempted murder," police spokesperson Elsabe Augoustides said.

In one of the incidents, which occurred at Sondela informal settlement in May 2019, Isaac allegedly shot a man.

A month later, four other men were injured when Isaac and a group of his accomplices shot at a car.

Although more than 20 empty cartridges were found at the scene, all four victims survived.

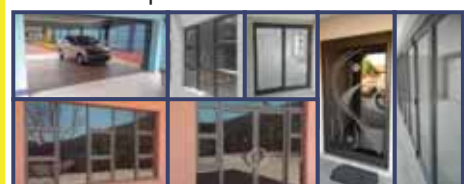
Anyone with information that might assist police investigations is requested to contact the investigating officer captain Patrick Murunwa on 082 772 5991.



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