



HUMAN SKULL MYSTERY UNRESOLVED



Rustenburg – Questions regarding the discovery of a human skull at the construction site of the new mall on Tuesday 5 November are yet to be answered. The police are still awaiting the results of a forensic test for any possible leads. Construction activities at the site, which is situated near Olympia Park Stadium in Rustenburg, appear not to have been affected by the discovery. During a recent visit to the site by *Platinum Weekly*, it was business as usual. The construction

workers could be seen operating heavy construction vehicles and attending to other construction-related activities. How the skull ended up at the site and for how long it had been buried are questions that remain to be answered. Police spokesperson sergeant Ofenstse Mokgadi said the results of the forensic tests will shed more light on the case. "Only a skull was found." The new mall is located close to the Rustenburg CBD, about 500 metres from the main taxi rank. Once up and running, it will serve more than 80,000 households in the

primary trade area, which includes established suburbs such as Geelhoutpark, Proteapark, Karlienpark and the newer suburbs of Tlhabane and Tlhabane West. The mall will accommodate approximately 120 retailers as part of the first phase, measuring more than 40,000m². The current road infrastructure around the development will be enhanced and new roads will boost access and traffic flow in the area. Hedeira and Watsonia roads will be extended to improve access from the surrounding suburbs and main arterials will stem from the Rustenburg CBD to provide easy access to motorists, busses and taxis.

POLICE CLAMP DOWN ON ILLEGAL CANNABIS LAB

Brits – The serious organised crime unit of the directorate for priority crime investigation with members of forensic science laboratory and local criminal record centre, descended on a hydroponic dagga lab in Brits on Saturday 9 November and arrested the owner of a cannabis dispensary. The suspect, who allegedly sells franchises for cannabis dispensaries, is a major supplier of cannabis and related products in the country. A search of the suspect's store allegedly revealed more than 500kg of cannabis, estimated to be worth approximately R3 million, hydroponic tunnels for cannabis cultivation, various apparatus for processing and oil extraction and numerous other cannabis products, all which were subsequently seized. The suspect appeared before the Brits Magistrates' Court on 11 November for contravening the *Medicine and Related Substances Act* and dealing in dagga.



The police confiscated to 500kg of cannabis.

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DUST SETTLES AT NEWRAK PREMISES FOLLOWING PROTESTS

Kroondal/ Rustenburg – Police are still monitoring the situation at the premises of Newrak Mining in Kroondal, a week after a protest that led to the arrest of five mineworkers on Thursday 7 November. "Police fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowd of striking workers affiliated to the Association Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU)," police spokesperson sergeant Ofenstse Mokgadi told *Platinum Weekly*. According to reports, the protestors ceased to work for Newrak as contractors in September this year. The mining company intends to transfer them to either Impala Platinum mines or Sibanye Rustenburg's operations. However, the protestors are demanding to be paid severance packages. Their protest action was in contravention of a court order restraining the workers from being within 500 metres of the company's premises. The five who were arrested have since appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court. "So far we have not heard anything about further strike action by the mineworkers. We are still on high alert," Ofenstse added.

MAN KILLED IN DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

Rustenburg – Police are requesting the assistance of the community to help find the persons involved in the murder of 31-year old Tebogo Mazua. Tebogo and two women were traveling in a silver Volkswagen Polo between Chaneng and Robega in the early hours of Sunday 27 October. A white Toyota Carola with five men drove next to them, in the opposite lane, shouting, cursing and showing signs. According to police spokesperson captain Elsabé Augoustides, one of the passengers in the Carola opened fire on the Polo, fatally wounding Tebogo – who then lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a fence. The women, who sustained minor injuries, ran for cover. The suspects fled the scene. If you have any information regarding the five suspects, contact captain Johannes Montsho on 076 834 3531 or visit you nearest police station.

Captain Johannes Montsho at the scene where the Volkswagen Polo crashed through the fence.

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