



MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE OF DOG

North West – One of the National Council of SPCA's (NSPCA) special investigations unit for priority animal crimes is the sexual abuse of animals (bestiality). Not only does this crime represent terrible animal cruelty, but cases of sexual abuse of an animal indicate towards a criminal who is a risk to both animals and vulnerable human individuals in the community, especially children. When the Mareetsane Police Station in the North West Province received a report of suspected bestiality, their prompt and direct contact of the NSPCA ensured immediate action. The special investigations unit did not only guide the investigation that followed, but also dispatched a national inspector to rescue the victim and properly handle the crime scene evidence and oversee the sample collection. This resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator, his bail being denied. The docket was completed swiftly and timeously for his first appearance which was in the Itsoseng magistrates' court on Thursday 28 May.

The victim of the assault was a young female crossbreed dog who we have named Liquorice. Liquorice is still recovering from the trauma of her ordeal but is currently under veterinary care in Johannesburg and has already won many hearts with her sweet and loving nature. Bestiality is rarely a standalone sexual crime. The link between the sexual abuse of animals and human cruelty is real and important and the NSPCA encourages communities to give this sexual crime a voice. The successful action of these difficult cases and apprehension of the perpetrators rely on the South African Police Services (SAPS) and the SPCA working together swiftly and efficiently. Our thanks are extended to sergeant Tiale of the Mareetsane Police Station for his prompt action, and doctor Jacobs of the North West University Animal Hospital for his willingness to take this journey with us.

NSPCA press release, 3 June 2020



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R10M ALUMINIUM CABLE BUST, THIEVES NABBED

Brits – Two people were arrested in Mmakau near Brits on Monday 1 June for the possession of suspected stolen property and tampering with essential infrastructure. The two were caught with aluminium cable worth around R10 million after Mmakau police received a tip-off from Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) security personnel about illegal activities occurring at the premises of a scrap metal business in the area. "The police arrested the driver of the bakkie and the owner of the scrap yard after identification of the cables by PRASA technicians," police spokesperson brigadier Sabata Mokgwabone said. Provincial commissioner of the police in the North West lieutenant general Sello Kwena commended the police and everyone involved in the operation for working together to apprehend the suspects.



Bakkie loaded with valuable aluminium cables.



Aluminium cables discovered at a scrapyard near Brits.

GELIEFDE RUSTENBURG-INWONER OORLEDE

Rustenburg – Neels Grobbelaar, 'n steunpilaar vir sy familie en gesiene lid van die gemeenskap, is op Donderdag 4 Junie oorlede. Hy was 'n nederige man van goeie inbors wat lief was vir sy medemens. Hy was ook 'n boer van formaat wat kommersiël met Bonsmaras geboer het. Sy kinders sal hom altyd onthou as hul rots en 'n liefdevolle, dierbare man wat altyd sterk gestaan het in sy geloof. In die veld was hy op sy gelukkigste en het 'n groot liefde vir diere gehad. Sy vrou, vyf kinders en ses kleinkinders strewe om hul koppe op te tel en 'n verlengstuk van hom te wees. Grobbelaar het vir ongeveer 35 jaar by Aug Behrens in die hardware afdeling gewerk. 'n Groot boom het geval. Vriende en familie het hom ter ruste gelê op 10 Junie tydens 'n pragtige diens op die plaas te Buffelshoek. **Ons betuig ons innige meegevoel aan Neels se vriende en familie.**



Neels Grobbelaar



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Rustenburg – Notice is hereby given to members of the public in terms of *Section 19 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000* as amended about the virtual special meeting of council that is scheduled as follows:
Time: 10:00
Date: 12 June 2020
The Special Adjustment Budget 2019/2020 will be tabled in Council.
NB: Due to COVID-19 lockdown regulations, viewing of the meeting by the public will be facilitated through livestreaming on Facebook.
RLM press release, 10 June 2020



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