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If you plan to drink, get home safely. Arrange alternative transport: designated driver, ride-share, taxi, or public transit.



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Warm greetings to the fellow men and women in blue. The Autumn season is upon us and it means that we will have more darker hours throughout until at least the end of Winter in the month of August.

That in itself tells us as law enforcement agencies that we need to be even more vigilant in protecting our clients against criminals and opportunistic criminals during the two seasons of Autumn and Winter respectively.

Ladies and gentlemen, as we invite you to our April edition we would like to thank you for the unwavering support you have shown us a publication. If it were not for your loyalty to our craft we would not be doing this month in and month out, we appreciate your consistency and your openness to what we do.

The month that was our journalists and photographers were up and about covering stories across the country. Breaking the ice in this edition, read about the 30 years of democracy and the strides made in the process as well as the state of readiness for the 2024 national elections on page 3. As we page up on page 4, the Western Cape reaches a milestone as they sign a Constitution for the Community Policing Forum in the province.

On pages 5 to 7 we read about the opening of brand new police stations by the minister in Gamalakhe and Donnybrook in the KwaZulu-Natal province. This shows that the government of the day continues to provide services where they are needed and also eradicates unemployment by creating jobs for the people of Gamalakhe and Donnybrook respectively.

On page 8 Police Magazine visited the area of Vanderbijlpark where the Imbizo facilitated by the police

was held to discuss remedies and strategies to curb the scourge of crime in the area. The Minister of Police General Bheki Cele led from the front in restoring confidence to the people of Vanderbijlpark.

Back to the Western Cape through tennis this time around, the South African Police Service through collaboration with sister departments in the name of the South African National Defence Force and the Correctional Services played against each other at the Annual Security Cluster Tennis Tournament and as always the SAPS team emerged as the overall champions, congratulations to the men and women in blue for representing us well.

The Employee Health and Wellness (EHW) on pages 11 and 12 delves into the dangers of infidelity and warns members about the downside of unfaithfulness and to avoid destroying their marriages. The insightful article highlights the stages of how extramarital affairs play out, please do not miss out on it.

Page 13 we read about the Cape Town Judge who handed down seven life sentences for the Khayelitsha mass murders. On page 14 the community of Postmasburg gathers at the Crime Imbizo to help the police to fight the scourge of crime in the area. On page 14 read about the Western Cape runners who squeezed the space at the Two Oceans Marathon. We hope that you enjoy this edition and please do not forget to go through the Wanted and Missing Persons pages. Let's meet in the next edition of our Police Magazine where we write our police stories for our very own policemen and women. Enjoy it and God bless you.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SAPS, GENERAL SF MASEMOLA

Democratic greetings to all the beneficiaries of a democratic dispensation. As we mark three decades of enjoying the fruits of a hard fought democracy, let us pause and reflect on the gains we have made as a country and as an organisation. Let us fearlessly bask in the warmth of our emancipation and the transformation of this organisation from a Force to a Service.

One of the late renowned freedom fighters in his final moments before he was executed said, "Tell my people that I love them and that they must continue to fight, my blood will nourish the tree that will bear the fruits of freedom." It was on the 06th of April 1979, about 45 years ago when he was executed but his last words still resonate and have given meaning to the month of April, hence it has been dubbed Freedom Month.

It is against this background where as the country, experience a myriad of developments and opportunities while a new trajectory beckoned, and the people of South Africa are free to reap the benefits of those who walked the path before like the late freedom fighter. As the country we are now equal regardless of colour, preference, gender, race and creed.

As the organisation we vow to uphold the Constitution and never walk in the steps of the police force and violate the rights of human beings based on their colour, preferences, gender, race or creed. As the men and women in blue, we must always remember that our people comes first.

As we put on our uniform we must do so with pride and

dignity that we are going to serve the citizens of the country without fear, prejudice or favour.

As the custodians of law and order, we need to continue to respect and protect the rights and dignity of the populace. We need to restore trust and confidence in our endeavour to serve the people of the Republic. We need to strengthen our relationship with communities through the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and all the stakeholders far and wide.

Fellow men and women in blue, as the country celebrates 30 years of democracy let us also take dressing and claim our stake since this transformation of our institution saw us forming an integral part of the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Co-operation Organization (SARPCCO) and also internationally, we are recognised as part of the INTERPOL, that in itself shows that we have made positive strides as a police service.

Let us enjoy the three decades of freedom with utmost responsibility while we do our core business by serving, protecting and investigating crime within our borders and beyond. Let us uproot corruption whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head. As a parting shot, avoid hogging social media platforms for all the wrong reasons. Always make sure you are vigilant and wearing your protective gear while adhering to the South African Police Service' Code of Conduct.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INAUGURAL DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS: SAPS PREPARES FOR MAY 2024 ELECTIONS

By Internal Communication



Saturday, April 27th, marked the 30th anniversary of South Africa's inaugural democratic elections, a pivotal moment in the nation's history. Freedom Day serves as an annual tribute to the courageous individuals who tirelessly advocated for freedom, equality, and the establishment of a representative, non-racial society.

This commemoration holds profound significance for all South Africans, symbolising a milestone in our democratic journey. President Cyril Ramaphosa, in accordance with constitutional provisions outlined in section 49(2) of the Republic of South Africa's Constitution and section 17 of the Electoral Act of 1998, officially announced the upcoming elections scheduled for 29 May 2024.

As the election date approaches, the South African Police Service (SAPS) stands prepared to uphold its duty to protect and serve. Extensive preparations are underway, with SAPS mobilising its patriotic, dedicated personnel including support staff to ensure a peaceful electoral process. Rigorous plans are in place to screen voting stations, warehouses, results centres, as well as Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) staff and service providers.

Collaborating closely with the IEC, SAPS is proactively addressing potential threats to the electoral process through comprehensive threat and risk assessments. These efforts aim to mitigate security risks and create a safe and secure environment for all voters. The SAPS emphasises its commitment to safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process, ensuring that elections are conducted freely and fairly.

As the guardians of democracy, SAPS reminds its officers of the critical role they play in facilitating free and fair elections. While protecting citizens remains paramount, SAPS reiterates the importance of officers prioritising their own safety by taking necessary precautions.

In the spirit of democracy and civic duty, SAPS calls upon its officers to uphold the principles of democracy, protect the rights of all citizens, and ensure that the electoral process proceeds smoothly and without disruption. Together, let us honour the legacy of Freedom Day by safeguarding our democratic values and promoting a peaceful and inclusive electoral process.

MILESTONE FOR COMMUNITY POLICING IN WESTERN CAPE AS NEW CONSTITUTION SIGNED

By Capt Piet Smit



National CPF Chairperson Mrs F Lukas, MEC for Police Oversight and Community Safety Mr R Allen, and Provincial Commissioner of the Western Cape Lt Gen (Adv.) TE Patekile.

In a significant step forward for community policing in the Western Cape, representatives from Community Police Forums and Community Policing Boards across the province gathered at SAPS Milnerton on April 16, 2024, to formally sign the new Western Cape Uniform Community Police Forums and Boards Constitution.

The signing ceremony, attended by Western Cape MEC for Police Oversight and Community Safety, Mr Reagan Allen, Provincial Commissioner Lt Gen (Adv.) Thembisile Patekile, SAPS senior management, National CPF chairperson, Mrs Fransina Lukas and provincial government officials, marked the culmination of consultations and collaborative work to develop a unified framework to guide the operations of CPFs and Boards in the Western Cape.

Speaking at the event, Lt Gen (Adv.) Patekile, emphasised that this landmark agreement ushers in a new era of collaborative crime-fighting and community empowerment across the province.

“This is a historic moment that solidifies our commitment to a community-oriented approach to policing in the Western Cape,” he said.

“The new constitution will help streamline and strengthen the vital role that CPFs and Boards play in building trust between the police and the communities we serve.”

The purpose of the new Western Cape Uniform CPF and Boards Constitution include:

1. Regulate the establishment, functioning and management of Community Police Forums and Boards.
2. Provide for the establishment of community safety and

support structures and partnerships in collaboration with the forums and boards; and

3. Guide such Community Police Forums and Boards to operate as effective community structures through which SAPS shall liaise with the community to achieve its objectives.

During her address, National and Provincial CPF Board Chairperson Mrs Fransina Lukas stated that the new Constitution represents an important milestone and will be the blueprint that will guide all forums, boards and registered structures. “The Constitution lays a foundation and a backdrop on which we will continue to build, to strengthen and to nurture the partnership between the community and the South African Police Service. Now the real work begins to turn these principles into meaningful change in communities across the Western Cape,” she said.



A historical moment as Mrs F Lukas, Mr R Allen and Lt Gen (Adv.) TE Patekile sign the new CPF constitution.

NEW POLICE STATIONS OFFICIALLY OPENED IN KZN

By Capt Keitumetse Mmushi



A community member receiving service

“A POLICE STATION DOES NOT BELONG TO THE POLICE, IT BELONGS TO THE COMMUNITY. IT IS ONE INSTITUTION THAT CREATES A STABLE COMMUNITY”.

These were the words of the Police Minister, General Bheki Cele at the official opening of the state of the art Gamalakhe police station at the Ugu District, in KwaZulu-Natal.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) management was led by the National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola.

Among others, the Gamalakhe police station boasts a Victim Support Room and a gym.

In the past, the police station only had two member per shift but that has now been increased to ten members per shift.

The minister said the aim is that one day, every South African walks to a police station as there needs to be easy access to police stations rather than community members having to use money for transport in order to report a problem, especially women.

“We must continue to make women here safe. Police stations are areas where community members come to seek counsel, to seek advice and even come to advise the Station Commander on what they have seen and think can be done to make life easier”, he said.



The station boasts a state of the art gym



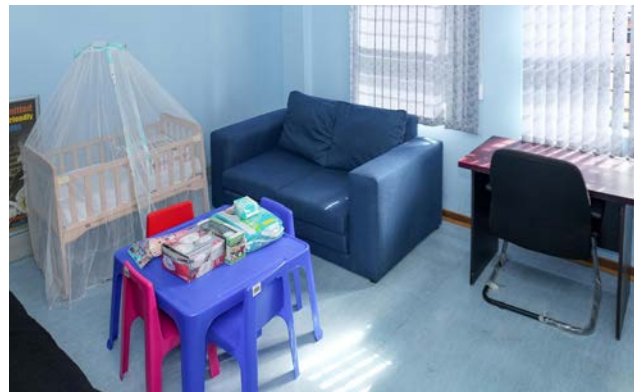
The minister of police officiated the opening

Speaking to Police Magazine, community member, Minenhle Mbhele said that she was happy that the police station was now officially opened and that there would be more police officers to serve the community.

“In the past there were some police services that we could only get access to by going to Margate or Port Shepstone police stations which will now be accessible to Gamalakhe police station, and this will make life easier for us as community members”, she said.



Gamalakhe Police Station



The Gamalakhe victim support room

Thandiswa Mncedane had this to say: “I am satisfied at the insistence of the Minister of police on women’s issues being taken seriously by the ministry. Domestic Violence is a disease in South Africa and I am glad that we are being considered as women and our issues taken seriously by the police”.

The National Commissioner of the SAPS, General Fannie Masemola said that the police station is adequately capacitated to accelerate the fight against crime and uphold the highest standards of law enforcement in the community.

“This is why this station’s Visible Policing (VISPOL) staff complement is higher than any within the police station.

The Detectives in this station are highly experienced professionals who are committed to work together with community members to ensure those who have no regard for the rule of law are brought to book to face the music”, he said.

DONNYBROOK POLICE STATION



Part of the Donnybrook client service centre

“AS THE POLICE WE ARE MAKING A CALL TO COMMUNITIES TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH THE POLICE IN GETTING RID OF CRIMINALS WHO ARE A MINORITY IN COMMUNITIES. TELL THE POLICE WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN, WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD AND WHERE THESE CRIMINALS ARE, SO THAT THEY ARE ARRESTED”, SAID GENERAL FANNIE MASEMOLA.

The National Commissioner, the Deputy National Commissioner: Policing, Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili and the Acting Provincial Commissioner of KwaZulu-Natal, Major General Phumelele Makoba were among the dignitaries who officiated at the ceremony in Donnybrook.

The police station also has a Trauma room.

Lieutenant General Mosikili told community members that a police station is a beacon of hope for the community in the fight against crime.

“The handing over of this police station means resources and services are coming closer to the community. The SAPS is hard at work building more police stations across the country to ensure we arrive at a time in the foreseeable future where people can just simply walk to the nearest police station to access services”, she said.

Sindiswa Shezi, a community member said that she hoped that the police and community would put the new police station to good use and work together in fighting the rampant stock theft in the area.

“Our area has a huge problem of stock theft, so I am hoping with the new police station the police and the promise of more



DNC Tebello Mosikili addressed the crowd

resources, get more encouraged to fight the crime and that we as the community help them in doing so”, she said.

Acting Provincial Commissioner, Major General Phumelele Makoba urged the police and community members not to abuse the resources allocated to the police station.

“Please do not abuse the resources and make sure that they are in good order and readily available to attend immediate situations. We are a month away to National and Provincial elections, so we as the police will give everything in our power and control to ensure our communities are safe and can enjoy their freedom without fear and or intimidation”, she said.



The Donnybrook Station Commander

COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE POLICE VEHICLES AND POLICE STATION

By Capt Keitumetse Mmushi

Photographs by Capt Ndanduleni Nyambeni



The community came to the Imbizo in large numbers



Nomzamo Mbanjwa had her house robbed while at work

Unemployment is one of the major contributing factors that lead to the high crime rate at Marikana in Bophelong, Vanderbijl Park.

These were the words of Moleleki Molahloe an elder in the community during a community engagement (Imbizo) led by the Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele.

The South African Police Service was led by the National Commissioner, General Fannie Masemola.

Marikana is an informal settlement that falls under the Vanderbijl Park police station. The police station ranks high in terms of

violent crimes such as murder, rape and domestic violence.

"As old as I am, I am still involved in community patrols because I cannot just sit and watch the crime situation in our community get even worse that it currently is. I encourage these youngsters to join the community patrols.

I wish that government, even the police can rope in these young ones to do something better with their lives instead of committing these heinous crimes", said Molahloe.

Another community member, Nomzamo Mbanjwa, told the Minister and National Commissioner that she had to leave her



Moleleki Molahloe urging youngsters to join community patrols in the area



The Gauteng Police Commissioner Tommy Mthombeni

employment as she came back from work one day and found her house had been burgled.

"I had to quit my job as a domestic worker and sit in my house like a security guard so that what was left of my belongings did not end up also being taken", she said.

Community members complained the distance they have to travel in order to open cases at the Vanderbijl Park Police station and also, about the lack of police vehicles to service them.

Responding to the community's complaints, the Minister of Police said that Vanderbijl Park police station indeed had challenges as out of 145 police station in the Gauteng Province, it is ranked number 25 on police stations with high crime rates.

"Something definitely needs to be done. We do agree that there is a shortage of police officers as well as vehicles. As a result of our Project10 000 recruitment drives, we will address the shortage of officers.



The National Commissioner of the SAPS, General Fannie Masemola



The Gauteng Police Commissioner Tommy Mthombeni

Do not protect criminals, report them to the police and please stop buying stolen goods because you are condoning this criminality. These criminals are brutal and heartless", said the Minister.

The minister also promised the community would receive more police vehicles in order to fulfil the service's mandate of service delivery.

The National Commissioner of the South African Police Service announced plans in place to build a police station in the area.

"We are aware that the Vanderbijl Park police station is too far from here, so we need to build one here in Bophelong. Plans are in place to acquire a site where the police station must be built", he said.

SAPS EMERGES VICTORIOUS IN SECURITY CLUSTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

By Captain Piet Smit



The SAPS national tennis team flaunting their gold medals as champions of the National Tennis Security Clusters Games

The annual Security Cluster Tennis Tournament brought together South Africa's frontline security agencies for a friendly but fiercely-competitive battle on the tennis courts from 21 to 25 April 2024. Hosted this year by the South African Police Service at the Strand Tennis Club in the Western Cape, the tournament pitted players from SAPS, the South African National Defence Force and the Department of Correctional Services against one another.

The week-long round-robin tournament featured singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches across various age and skill divisions. The opening ceremony parade displayed the forces' discipline and camaraderie, but once play began, the gloves came off as long time rivalries played out.

SAPS emerged as the overall team champion, celebrated with the championship trophy, and vowed to return to defend their title in 2025.

The championship was concluded with a gala event on Thursday 25 April 2024.

Addressing the players at the event, Colonel Andries Odendaal, the national chairperson of SAPS Tennis, commended all competitors while praising the teamwork, camaraderie, and athletic prowess evident during the competition. "Even though the SAPS won, the real spirit of the competition was the friendly rivalry and camaraderie that all participants and spectators shared, demonstrating commitment, sportsmanship, and encouraging a spirit of friendly competition," he said.

The 2025 Annual Security Cluster Tennis Tournament will be hosted by the South African National Defence Force.

"We are aware that the Vanderbijl Park police station is too far from here, so we need to build one here in Bophelong. Plans are in place to acquire a site where the police station must be built", he said.



THE COST OF INFIDELITY (UNFAITHFULNESS TO YOUR WIFE OR YOUR HUSBAND)

Compiled by Lt Col Kleingeld

Infidelity, can damage a loving, romantic relationship. However, by highlighting the cost and the process of getting caught up in a situation of cheating on your spouse, we hope to make employees aware of how to navigate past the pitfalls and to give those already in danger hope that there is a way out.

Obviously, an exposed affair has short-term costs. Betrayal cause a range of emotions from rage, grief, embarrassment to guilt. There may be temporary sleeping apart. If there are children involved, they take on the stress too. There may be psychotherapy and relationship therapy costs. The other man or woman may stalk or harass, leading to the legal costs of restraining orders, etc.

The long-term costs are more subtle. Your partner desperately wants to have faith in you again, BUT even after years have passed, cannot seem to regain the former level of trust. You may be absolutely steadfast in your faithfulness, but you wonder how your partner could trust it to be true after what you did.

If the affair ended without discovery or admission, there are still costs. You are permanently burdened with the knowledge that you have broken your commitment to your spouse. When your partner looks into your eyes with love and trust, you feel UNDESERVING because you know what you did.

You resist your urge to confess, because you care about your partner and know how much it would hurt them. It is your problem, not theirs, so you resolve to carry it to the grave.

But you also know that in some circumstances people tend to confess to old transgressions. Circumstances include minor brain injury, terminal illness, dementia and, most common of all, alcohol intoxication. All you can do is hope you will dodge these bullets.

Affairs can indeed carry heavy long-term costs, but the costs to the heart and spirit may be the highest. Perhaps that is why so many relationships end after just one instance of infidelity.

<http://www.neillneill.com/the-real-cost-of-an-affair-on-your-marriage>

If the costs are so high, why does it happen?

Nearly all affairs follow very specific patterns. They generally fall into four stages:

Stage One - You develop a close emotional bond: This is the talking stage, which could take place on the Internet, at work or in the neighbourhood. You get to know each other AND there is a spark.

Stage Two - You keep it a secret: You do not tell your spouse or your friends that you are attracted emotionally to this person. You are in deep when you decide to keep the relationship secret as fantasy and secrets are very powerful. They fuel the fire.

Stage Three - You have lunch, play tennis: You might tell yourself this is just a colleague, just a friend. But though you might not know it, starting to see each other and doing things together is the dating phase.

Stage Four - Well. You know. At this point you are engaged in an intense sexual and emotional liaison.

Sometimes extramarital affairs are stormy roller-coaster relationships that last only a few months, other times, they last a few years or become lifelong relationships and then there are those that lead to new marriages.

Someone, somewhere in an extramarital affair, always loses.

Affairs rock your world. Life is never the same again. All parties involved experience a profound sense of loss and pain. The old status quo is gone. The future is uncertain. After finding out, the hurt partner experiences the most basic loss of self. "You feel alien in your own skin. Your most basic assumptions about the order of the universe have been turned upside down. It is devastating.

The person confessing to infidelity experiences guilt and self-loathing, but often there is also relief. Leading a double life can become increasingly difficult for people engaged in affairs. Getting the truth out relieves them of carrying the burden of betrayal alone. They are so thankful to be with one person again in one place. They just want to forgive and move forward.

The betrayed spouse may also find relief. The years of

- EHW -

knowing subconsciously that something is wrong can now come to an end and one could decide on the way forward. The “other” person, meanwhile, faces a whole different set of issues. How do you rebuild your life without the affair? At first there is profound loneliness and confusion. Waiting for him to call, to explain himself and the promises he had made.

All parties in extramarital affairs sometimes entertain thoughts of suicide, not because they want to kill themselves but because they want to stop the pain. Secrecy may be what sustains the affair while it is going on, but it also exacerbates the pain when it is over. Suddenly, there is no one to talk to. The loved one is gone. Unlike a death or divorce that prompts support from family and friends, the breakup of an affair goes largely unnoticed.

And the great double standard in our culture is that while affairs are so prevalent, most people remain largely unsympathetic and closed to the complexities and pain. They offer pat advice (Leave the no-good two-timer) or they tender a label (Home wrecker), BECAUSE cliches provide protection for us not to have to acknowledge that a man could have an affair despite his wife being loving, sensual and kind, meaning that it could happen to us.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/health/march99/infid033099.htm#TOP>

Affair survivors are urged to seek help and confront the different issues that may have propelled them or their spouse into an affair.

* **Explore personal issues**, whether it be a feeling of entitlement, low self-esteem, hyper-sexuality or a mid-life crises. For many an affair is a life-changing event which often prompts a thorough self-examination and can lead to a complete redirection of a person’s life. Some people finally “grow up” in the wake of an affair. Others say the pain and loss experienced by infidelity forced them to look for a spiritual dimension to their lives beyond relationships.

* The spouse who has been betrayed also has to do some self-examination. Did you suspect the affair was going on? What about your self-esteem? Your sense of entitlement to a faithful partner? Your sexual needs? Life is not the same for you, either.

* What does the affair say about your marriage relationship? Often problems in the marriage provides a vulnerability for affairs, but it is a combination of factors that culminate in an affair.

For many couples that decide to stay together after an affair, restoring trust is a key issue. The underlying feature of all affairs for all parties involved is dishonesty,

consequently do not waste time on blaming, start with open and honest communication about what your marriage can realistically provide both of you.

And for the rest, check your assumptions about why affairs happen, with whom it happens as well as your assumption that your partner will always be faithful. There is no absolute protection from affairs (no one is immune). You have to fight for your marriage and for honesty.

The goal is to live a meaningful life. It is not YOUR partner’s job to prevent you from having an affair. We are all the gatekeepers of our own lives. To move forward, we need to learn to FORGIVE others and ourselves.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/national/health/march99/infidside.htm#TOP>

The SAPS’s social workers render an occupational social work service with the following objectives:

- Enhancement of individual wellness (e.g. capacitating employees to deal with challenges in the best possible way)
- Enhancement of organisational wellness (e.g. ensuring that professional relations exist between employees, colleagues, teams and commanders)
- Ensuring dynamic work–life balance and productivity (focus on family vs work).

Should you need someone to talk to, you are welcome to contact Social Work Services on 079 880 5966/ 012 393 5472 or liaise with any of the SAPS’s Family and Relationship Desk members:

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FLASH NEWS

CAPE HIGH COURT JUDGE SLAPS KHAYELITSHA MASS MURDERS WITH SEVEN LIFE SENTENCES

By Mgcobo Ngxukumeshe



The investigating team of Col Eddie Clark flanked by WO Lucas Ngqola, WO Sibulele Nyovane, Sgt Bonginkosi Cekwana, Sgt Lubabalo Mthini, Cst Glenton Klerk, Cst Sibusiso Manqindi and Cst Terence Basholo.

Western Cape High Court Acting Judge Daniel Thulare delivered a severe sentence to the two convicted murder accused who shot and killed seven people in a tavern in Site B, Khayelitsha, giving each of them seven life imprisonment and 60 months behind bars. The jubilant team of detectives were elated as the sentence was handed down.

Before handing down his sentence at the Western Cape High Court on Thursday 18 April 2024, Judge Thulare described the accused as daring and cruel individuals who lack sensitivity and sympathy with no regard, even for innocent souls who had nothing to do with their fall out with their rival gang.

Thulare said the attack on people who were enjoying a birthday party was ruthless and brazen. A six year old girl was also shot by the accused, but she luckily survived the attack.

Accused one, Gcinithemba Beja and his co-accused Fundile Maseti were not in the courtroom when Judge Thulare handed down the sentences. They boycotted the proceedings in protest against the presence of the media. They chose to remain in the holding cells.

Each accused was slapped with seven life sentences, fifteen years for attempted murder, thirty years for the unlawfully possession of a firearm and ammunition and were both declared unfit to possess a firearm. All of that was thanks to the sterling work of the formidable and capable team of detectives attached to the Provincial Serious and Violent Crimes Unit.

During the shooting incident, there were seven victims who survived the attack, including the six-year-old girl. After the police took statements from the victims in hospitals, there was little information that could link any suspects to the incident. Investigators began to intensify their investigations and a witness was traced and placed in witness protection.

Leading the team was Col Eddie Clark who was visibly pleased to see the criminals brought to book. He was flanked by equally-elated detectives who played a major role in the case, namely WO Lucas Ngqola, WO Sibulele Nyovane, Sgt Bonginkosi Cekwana, Sgt Lubabalo Mthini, Cst Glenton Klerk, Cst Sibusiso Manqindi and Cst Terence Basholo.

FLASH NEWS

POSTMASBURG COMMUNITY IMBIZO



Postmasburg Community in Blue Patrollers

The Deputy Minister of Police, Cassel Mathale together with the National and Provincial management visited Postmasburg community in the Northern Cape, on Tuesday 16 April 2024, to respond to the community safety needs and to champion the participation of residents in the creation of safer environment for all.

The visit formed part of the Ministerial Community Engagement series under the theme “**Enhancing Partnership with Citizens for Safer Communities**”

Through the ongoing izimbizo, the Ministry of Police aim to realise a Service that is fit for the purpose to serve and protect communities and brings targeted and inclusive safety measures to where people live, study, do business and work. This imbizo was a very meaningful platform that allowed community members to raise all of their challenges to government officials including ministers, deputy ministers, provincial leaders and local government leaders.

The engagement in Postmasburg, followed similar visit by the Management of the South African Police Service to the Hanover Park, Philippi in the Western Cape, KwaMamdekazi in Mariannhill, KwaZulu-Natal, Vanderbilpark and with Izinduna from 16 hostels in Gauteng. During a marathon of izimbizo, crime challenge has been raised as a thorn unsettling many South Africans.



Questions and suggestions posed by community members.



Deputy National Commissioner, Lieutenant General Tebello Mosikili addressed the crowd



Northern Cape SAPS Band



Northern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Koliswa Otola speaking at imbizo



Deputy Minister for Police, Mr Cassel Mathale at Imbizo



MEC for Transport Safety and Liaison, Me Namandla Bloem during Imbizo

WESTERN CAPE POLICE RUNNERS MAKE THEIR PRESENT FELT AT TWO OCEANS MARATHON

By Mgcobo Ngxukumeshe



SAPS members at the Two Oceans Marathon

Long-distance runners who belong to the Western Cape SAPS Athletics Association put up an impressive performance during the Two Oceans Marathon, which was held on the weekend of the 13 and 14 April 2024 in the Mother City.

As early as 05:00 on Saturday about 21 police runners had already assembled around the starting point in Newlands to run the gruelling 56 kilometre marathon.

Cst A Mtayise from SAPS Vredendal, was the first police member to cross the finish line followed by Cst NF Maswangwane from the Free State. The third spot was taken by Cst N Nkani from Cape Town Railway Police, and in fourth position was WO S Noxhaka from the Eastern Cape.

Another group of runners participated on the second day of the half marathon on the 14 April 2024 for the 21 kilometres.



Col Amanda Nqumashe

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BEAUTY CHIFEYA

(15) Female
Last seen:
2024-02-13

The missing person left home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She was wearing a black jumpsuit and black and white sport shoes.

Booyens 8/2/2024
Investigating officer: Sgt PW Mokoena
Tel: 011 433 5319

TSHEPO WILSON MONOYANE

(24) Male
Last seen:
2024-01-08

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He is mentally ill. He was wearing brown trousers, a white t-shirt and black boots.

Rietgat 8/1/2024
Investigation officer: Sgt DB Rangata
Tel: 012 432 7806

DEON HLINGWANI

(25) Male
Last seen:
2024-06-04

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.

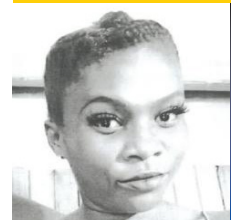
Wonderboompoort 2/6/2024
Investigating Officer: WO R Bronkhorst
Tel: 012 335 2812

LERATO MAHLANGU

(25) Female
Last seen:
2023-01-23

The missing person left home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since.

Rietgat 5/2/2023
Investigating Officer: WO I Mnguni
Tel: 012 432 7806

ZANDILE GCWEKANA

(29) Female
Last Seen:
2024-06-02

The missing person left home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She was wearing a maroon jacket, green trousers and maroon shoes.

Kwanobuhle 3/6/2024
Investigating Officer: WO AC Scheepers
Tel: 041 978 8800

SIMON MIAH

(33) Male
Last seen:
2024-05-27

The missing person left home to attend court and was not seen since.

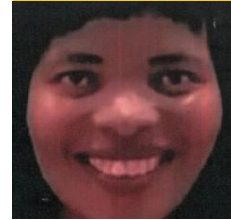
Lydenburg 1/6/2024
Investigating Officer: Sgt MR Nkwana
Tel: 072 860 0627

MICHAEL MATHE

(37) Male
Last Seen:
2023-02-05

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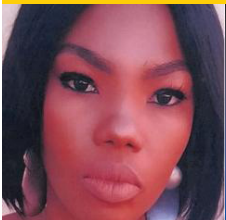
Rietgat 1/2/2023
Investigating Officer: WO I Mnguni
Tel: 012 432 7806

SINEMHLANHLA VERONICA MNGUNI

(39) Female
Last seen:
2023-12-09

The missing person left home without informing anyone where she was going and was not seen since. She is mentally ill. She was wearing a brown dress, blue skirt, pink jacket and a brown hat.

Douglasdale 328/1/2024
Investigating Officer: Sgt EK Chauke
Tel: 011 699 1378

NOMPUHELELO PRECIOUS NZIMANDE

(40) Female
Last Seen:
2024-02-15

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since.

Cleveland 1/2/2024
Investigating officer: Sgt MN Ndlovu
Tel: 011 677 5746

GLEN BONGANI MABUSE

(41) Male
Last seen:
2023-03-16

The missing person left home without informing anyone where he was going and was not seen since. He was wearing a brown jersey, white trousers and grey sport shoes.

Temba 6/4/2024
Investigating Officer: WO ML Magampa
Tel: 012 717 900

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WANTED PERSONS

The South African Police Service requests urgent assistance from members of the public in tracing the following alleged perpetrators wanted in connection with various criminal offences committed countrywide.



RAPE
SINETHEMBA NDALASI

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A RAPE CASE.

Investigating Officer:
Sgt DC Joseph
0448034621



ATTEMPTED MURDER
NEZISWA SETU

THIS WOMAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE

Investigating Officer:
Sgt DS Magalie
0283137000



THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
SIBOLEKE CITWA

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE CASE.

Investigating Officer:
Const O Nkwenkwezi
0219742400



POSSESSION OF AN UNLICENSED FIRE ARM
ERIC CHAUKE

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A POSSESSION OF AN UNLICENSED FIRE ARM CASE.

Investigating Officer:
Const T Malesa
0137627094
0797101500



POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPON
THANDO MAHCATI

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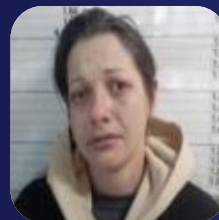
Investigating Officer:
Sgt LE Legobatlé
0215283860



RICARDO RUSSEL JOHNSTONE
FRAUD

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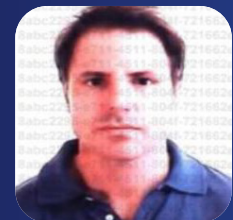
Investigating Officer:
W/O M Mc Pherson
0218022003



FRAUD
NICOLE YEO

THIS WOMAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A FRAUD CASE

Investigating Officer:
Sgt J De Jager



FRAUD
DEON RETIEF

THIS WOMAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A FRAUD CASE.

Investigating Officer:
Lt Col T Bailey
0219183000



THEFT
SIBUSISO MUSA MSOMI

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A THEFT CASE.

Investigating Officer:
Sgt JC Zitha
0178197803



MURDER
UNKNOWN

THIS MAN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER CASE.

Investigating Officer:
Sgt LB Mkhonza
0137547565
0764123594

SAPS CRIME STOP
08600 10111

