

Two delivery vehicles robbed in Motherwell

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TWO people were shot and injured in separate bread delivery vehicle robberies in Motherwell yesterday.

The crimes have prompted police to issue an alert to all delivery drivers to be more cautious. Police said the two robberies were believed to be the work of a larger network of criminals who targeted delivery vehicles.

Police spokesman Captain Andre Beettege said the first shooting happened at 5:30am when a bread delivery vehicle stopped outside Friend's Shop in Ingwe Street in Motherwell.

"The driver and a passenger arrived at the shop. It was not yet open. They were waiting outside in the truck when two men armed with firearms approached them and demanded money," he said.

Beettege said before the men fled they shot driver Thembele Ntente in the stomach.

An hour later a second delivery vehicle was robbed outside the Banyana Banyana shop in Guna Street in Motherwell.

"This is about 3km away from the first robbery. A very similar *modus operandi* was used.

The gunmen approached the truck and demanded money from the driver. At the time, the driver's assistant was inside the shop," Beettege said.

"The men robbed the driver and then stormed the shop, where they robbed the driver's assistant while he was being paid."

Beettege said before fleeing the scene, the gunmen shot shop owner Nur Osman Dasdas Adams, 29, in the leg.

"We suspect that these two incidents were committed by the same suspects," he added.

"It is clear that these men are a danger to society and we have a team of detectives investigating all delivery vehicle cases."

In both instances, the men fled on foot.

"We have noticed an increase in the robbery of delivery vehicles in general," Beettege added.

Prosecutor claims he can't afford a lawyer

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PORT Elizabeth senior public prosecutor Clive Killian claimed yesterday that he did not have the financial means to appoint a defence council in his drunk driving case.

Appearing in the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court, Killian, 54, was not happy when the court decided his trial would start on August 20.

"Clearly the interest of the accused, which is myself in this instance, is not being taken into consideration. . . I will need more time to gather financial resources to appoint my own counsel," Killian said.

Magistrate Innes du Preez said although Killian had the right to appoint his own legal counsel, it was "not an absolute right".

He said that Killian himself had in the past protested against unnecessary postponements in criminal cases, and agreed with prosecutor Nickie Turner that it would be fair if the trial started in August.

"I know a line must be drawn, but that line has been drawn through my legal rights," said Killian, before asking if he was allowed to apply for legal aid.

Du Preez said Killian was welcome to apply for free legal representation, but the Legal Aid Board would decide whether to approve his application or not.

A senior public prosecutor earns between R500 000 and R1-million a year, while free legal aid from the Legal Aid Board is only available to people who earn less than R70 000 per year.

Turner, a senior public prosecutor in Grahamstown, was brought in to prosecute Killian because of his close connection to state officials in Port Elizabeth.

Killian, of Sunridge Park, was caught in a roadblock in Arcadia in 2011, and was allegedly so intoxicated that he had trouble standing.

Blood tests brought to court on a previous occasion showed that Killian's blood-alcohol level measured 0.19 grams per 100ml of blood – almost four times over the legal limit of 0.05 grams.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY



The 33rd match of the 2014 Fifa World Cup will be between Cameroon and Brazil at 10pm. The match will be held at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia.

TUESDAY



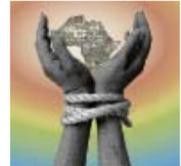
The Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court will rule on a bail application of murder accused Sheldon Koesnell. His alibi was that he was watching a soap opera at the time of the killing.

WEDNESDAY



South African singer and songwriter Farryl Purkiss will perform at the Something Good Roadhouse in Port Elizabeth at 6pm. Tickets cost R80 per person.

THURSDAY



The United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is an opportunity to stand united and remind the world that torture is a cruel violation of human rights.

FRIDAY



Newly elected Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle will deliver his first state of the province address at the provincial legislature in Bisho.

Special council for 'forgotten' towns opposed

ANC says Uitenhage, Despatch OK

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THE ANC in Nelson Mandela Bay is vehemently opposed to the idea of a Uitenhage and Despatch sub-council to prioritise the towns' needs, saying it is divisive and an apartheid-type concept.

Discussion about a sub-council yesterday arose eight months after residents of Uitenhage and Despatch marched to the Uitenhage Town Hall, complaining that they were sidelined by metro leaders who prioritised developments in Port Elizabeth.

In February, mayor Ben Filha said he would spend at least a week at all his satellite offices, especially in Uitenhage and Despatch, to attend to service delivery challenges.

This has not yet happened.

Although South African law does allow for the establishment of sub-councils, ANC councillors said it was not democratic.

A sub-council consist of ward and proportional representation (PR) councillors who discuss issues affecting their respective areas. The sub-councils make suggestions to the main council body.

Cape Town has 24 sub-councils.

The debate yesterday was sparked by a motion from DA councillor Francois Greyling, who called for a task team to be set up to look into the possibility of a sub-council and to oversee its implementation.

Greyling said the two towns were always moved to "the bottom of the

list" when it came to service delivery, and had, for years, received meager budget allocations.

"There are no municipal stores in Uitenhage and Despatch and when we need things to be repaired, the parts take too long to come.

"Resistance to this is futile because when the DA takes over in 2016 we will institute a sub-council," Greyling said.

ANC councillor Fikile Desi lashed out at Greyling, saying he was a "mischievous person".

"We don't even need to listen to this or entertain this item [on the agenda] because it's totally incompetent," Desi said.

He was echoed by councillor Xolani Banga (ANC) who said: "This motion is an attempt to mislead the house. It's an apartheid type of rule.

"We must reject this because it is divisive, opportunistic and morally confusing.

DA caucus leader councillor Retief Odendaal hit back, saying legislation allowed for sub-councils.

"Are you saying we have apartheid laws in our democratic country? It's happening in other metros to improve service delivery.

"People of Uitenhage feel left out and you see in the budget how little is allocated to Uitenhage and Despatch.

"The people of Uitenhage feel forgotten," Odendaal said.

COPE councillor Mzwandile Hote said: "We can't take this decision now. We must go to the constituencies and listen. . ."



VISITING DOYENNE: Felicia Mabuza-Suttle in the Boardwalk Hotel and Convention Centre's lobby lounge, before jetting off back to the US PHOTOGRAPH: MIKE HOLMES

Beautiful Bay is the heart of SA – Felicia

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ONE of the country's most revered television personalities has described Nelson Mandela Bay as the heart of South Africa.

Jetting into the city for an appearance as a guest speaker at the Business Women's Association's Regional Achievers Awards this week, Felicia Mabuza-Suttle said the Bay was not only in the most beautiful part of the country, but also had the warmest people, who knew the true meaning of ubuntu.

"I came here for the first time in the early seventies. I was a very skinny girl, but after just two weeks in the Friendly City I had gained the weight I always wanted because everyone was feeding me all the time," Mabuza-Suttle said.

Mabuza-Suttle, 64, best known in SA for her popular nineties talk show *The Felicia Show*, lives in the US, where she has the talk show *Conversations with Felicia* on the Africa Channel. She says it focuses on changing American perceptions about Africa. She is also the co-owner of Leadership Success International, a company that specialises in executive leadership training.

Having interviewed some of the world's most recognised icons, Mabuza-Suttle does not hesitate for a second when asked what woman inspired her most. "Maya Angelou was the most inspirational woman I ever met. When someone introduced me to her as the Oprah of South Africa, she said 'God only creates originals'," Mabuza-Suttle said.

She said she had many "sheroes" including Hillary Clinton, Miriam Makeba, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Graca Machel and Thuli Madonsela. In her own life, the glamorous Mabuza-Suttle said, she had entered the third stage. As a young girl growing up in Soweto she strove towards education, success and significance. Having achieved her PhD in journalism and communications and success in both the business world and in the television industry, she had now entered a stage where she wanted to use her own significance to help others.

"I want young girls to realise they should make education their number-one priority. If you do not study, you have a one-in-a-million chance to make it, which is like playing the lottery. But if you get an education, it is like having a winning ticket already," she said.



MANDLA MAKUPULA

'No room for criminals' in Expanded Public Works Programme

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EASTERN Cape Education MEC Mandla Makupula yesterday warned beneficiaries of the department's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) that if it became corrupted the government would pull the plug on the

multimillion-rand project.

Makupula was addressing about 500 people – including department officials and beneficiaries – at the Uitenhage Town Hall for the provincial launch of the programme.

The programme will help hundreds of unemployed youth and others in the province's many

communities to secure jobs.

The jobs will cater around schools in positions such as admin assistants, gardeners, support staff, food servers, Adult Basic Education and Training (Abet) teachers and data capturers.

"In our schools, we need cleaners, maintenance people and gardeners. We

could either hire big businesses to do these

through hefty tenders or we could ask the community to help out," he said.

"Please don't corrupt. There is no room for criminals in this programme."

Makupula said to curb corruption, the programme is not managed by a "single

individual or office, but by various managers in different clusters".

The Eastern Cape leg of the programme will see:

- 100 youths employed as admin assistants throughout the 23 districts;
- 67 people to help teachers at special schools;
- 23 Abet teachers for each district;

● 27 youths to help gather information on exactly how many Grade R teachers there are in the province;

● 124 people hired to help out in the province's 32 hostels as food servers; and

● 45 gardeners to help schools with nutrition programmes, growing vegetables to feed the pupils.

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