



REMEMBER THE FALLEN

By Capt. Granville Meyer

The members and staff at SAPS Sandton are deeply distressed by the ferocious attack that took place at Engcobo Police Station on 21 February 2018 whereby five(5) police officers were killed.

The station was robbed of firearms, cellular phones and a vehicle.

We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased and their colleagues.



Brig Moodley laying a wreath

SLAIN METRO COPS

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It was a moving and emotional wreath-laying ceremony on Thursday, 01 February 2018 for the JMPD officers who died on the Monday evening.

Some scattered pieces of the wreckage from the accident that claim the lives of Sophie Ngoasheng (35) and Winnie Mokgolo (45) were still on the ground on the side of Witkoppen Road in Paulshof, Sandton.

It was very hard for the family members of the cops who, along with officers, were seen weeping uncontrollably.

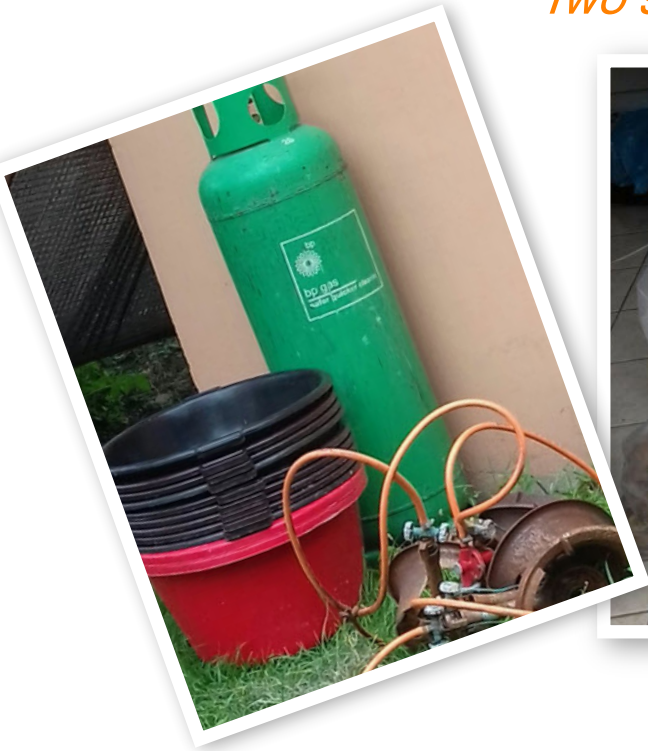
Ngoasheng and Mokgolo died when a drunk driver ploughed into them during a routine vehicle checking point in Paulshof. Other officers and motorists who had been pulled over also suffered injuries as the driver a Toyota Hilux bakkie crashed into them.

MMC for Public Safety, Cllr Michael Sun and JMPD Chief David Tembe thanked SAPS and the CPF for their support and solidarity shown to JMPD.

Sandton station commander, Brig Moodley attended the ceremony on behalf of the Johannesburg North Cluster Commander.

R4.5M IN ABALONE SEIZED

Two suspects arrested



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This is what abalone worth R 4.5 million looks like. It had an estimated street value of R 4.5 million.

On Friday, 23 February 2018 the Crime Intelligence, Benoni K9, West Rand K9 and Stock Theft Units seized these abalone after a massive raid in Sandton, following a tip-off about illegal activities at two houses. Equipment - including electric fans, gas tanks, scales and plastic containers - had been confiscated.

The police members entered the dwellings believed to be used as abalone processed facilities. Abalone which weighed 1 ton was confiscated. Two Malawian nationals, aged 37 and 39 were arrested. The suspects appeared in the Alexandra Regional Court on Monday, 26 February 2018.

ARMED ROBBERS NABBED

With Police Firearm

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On Saturday, 17 February 2018, two armed robbers were nabbed and a police firearm was recovered.

The men aged, 33 and 45 were arrested after police received information from the victim who traced his cellular phone that was taken during the robbery. One of the suspects was found in possession of a 9mm pistol and two 9mm ammunition. The serial number on the barrel was erased but the serial number on the frame was visible.

After the investigation it was found that it was a police firearm and stolen during a burglary in the Douglasdale policing precinct in 2017.

The duo appeared in Randburg Magistrate's Court on Monday, 19 February 2018.



Drug TRAFFICKING



into South Africa

The ingenuity and eternal inventiveness of drug mules and their handlers means that SAPS Sandton need to keep their eyes peeled and their instincts sharp for the attempted daily deceptions they encounter.

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As part of our awareness campaigns, a drug trafficking program was presented to the Grade 12 learners at Sandown High School in Sandton.

The program took place on Friday, 23 February 2018 and were attended by more than 80 learners.

International Drug Smuggler who made his home in Sandton has been arrested on an Interpol red notice in Rome in 2017.

Nelson Pablo Yester-Garrido was wanted in the United States on suspicion of trafficking large quantities of cocaine and negotiating to buy a soviet era submarine for a Colombian drug cartel.

He was also involved in a massive cocaine bust but in Port Elizabeth but charges against him have been dropped.

He has been living in Johannesburg since 2002; first under a false alias as a Mexican dealer in aviation spares, and then under his real name.

He was extradited to the United States to face charges.

More than 3000 South Africans are jailed in foreign prisons for drug offences



Thugs Arrested: Joint Operation

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A disruptive operation by SAPS, JMPD, ZSS Security and Sandton Guardians resulted in the arrests of three suspects for possession of drugs, ammunition and counterfeit goods in Kelvin Wednesday, 14 February 2018.

The multi-disciplinary operation ensued following a tipp-off from the community. The team swooped on the premises and seized 180 packets of marijuana, seven(7) ecstasy tablets, seven(7) packets of cathinone, two(2) mushroom drugs, drug paraphernalia and 18 counterfeit watches.

Major-General Sithole, the Cluster Commander for Johannesburg North congratulated everyone involved and said, " this is truly a collaborative effort to rid our suburbs of criminality and it illustrates what teamwork can achieve".

The trio appeared in the Randburg Magistrate's Court on Thursday, 15 February 2018.



Wendywood: Houserobbers nabbed

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On Saturday, 03 February 2018 vigilant members of Savika Security and SAPS arrested three suspects for houserobbery.

The three Zimbabweans from Tembisa was seen by Savika Security in the Sunninghill area and requested the back-up of the police. The group robbed a residence in Wendywood on the Friday and everybody was on the lookout for them.

SAPS members responded rapidly and on their arrival they found the suspects in their car.

It was later found that the vehicle was stolen.

House Breaker: Arrested in Kimberley

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The Trio Tracing Task Team arrested a housebreaker in Kimberley on Thursday, 22 February 2018.

The 29-year-old man was arrested after his fingerprints was detected on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and traced to an address in Kimberley.

The suspect was involved in a housebreaking and theft case that occurred in September 2016 in Morningside, Sandton.





Stolen Cars Recovered

On Thursday, 22 February 2018 the Johannesburg Flying Squad arrested a car thief in Sandton.

The 28-year-old Mozambiquen man was arrested on the N3 South Road in Buccleuch after the vehicle was tracked down.

The motor vehicle was stolen in the Rustenberg area.

Meanwhile, on Friday, 23 February 2018 the Johannesburg Flying Squad and Tracker members nabbed a suspect with a stolen motor vehicle in Woodmead.

A 29-year-old man from Soweto was arrested after the vehicle was tracked on a Brooklyn case.

Both suspects appeared in the Alexandra Regional Court on Monday, 26 February 2018.



628 Years behind bars for Rolex Gang

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The three members of the Rolex Gang has been handed 682 years jail sentence in the South Gauteng High Court on Friday 02 February 2018.

Mphikeleni Beta, Sipho Mabundla and George Mulaudzi was convicted of committing robberies as part of the Rolex Gang in Sandton, tracking down people who had purchased highly valuable items.

Beta, Mahundla and Mulaudzi who were arrested in 2014 after a spate of robberies and shootings in Sandton.

The court was impressed by the investigating officers, Detective Captain Odendaal and W/O McCintosh tireless work and the extra effort they had made to ensure a conviction and commended them for a job well done.

Visitor nabbed at Prison

On Sunday, 25 February 2018 vigilant correctional officers nabbed a suspect for possession of drugs at Leeuwkop Prison in Sunninghill.

The 27-year-old man from Soweto came to visit an inmate at the prison.

The man appeared very suspicious to the warders and after searching him, they found 48 mandrax tablets and crushed mandrax powder with an estimated street value of R 2 200.

The suspect appeared in Randburg Magistrate's Court on Monday, 26 February 2018.

Crime Awareness Campaign at Woodmead Shopping Mall



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On Friday, 16 February 2018 a crime awareness campaign was held at Woodmead Shopping to address the trio crimes in the policing precinct.

The Gauteng Provincial Band entertained the shoppers while the SAPS members distributed safety pamphlets and patrolled the area.

The campaign was supported by JMPD, CPF and security companies from the precinct.

No crime was committed and reported in the sector from 08h00 until 16h00.

Lots of love at SAPS Sandton

On Valentine's Day - Wednesday, 14 February 2018 'Captain Khumalo - gave the women at the Support Section a gift.

He gave them a chocolate with a Valentine's Day wrapping as a token of appreciation for their sterling work. "From Communication", was written on a red heart attached to it.

It was also the birthday of Cst Sehume of Supply Chain Management.



Main photo: " Captain Khumalo with the Support Staff.
Top right: Capt. Meyer gives Cst. Sehume, a birthday gift.

Sector Policing



On Friday, 23 February 2018 Const. Lungi Mbata received a certificate of appreciation from the Station Commander, Brigadier Moodley.

This was for their excellent service delivery she rendered to the community.

A commendation letter was from a community member for her dedication.

Cst Mbata is one of the Sector Commanders at SAPS Sandton.