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4 men bitten by Pitbull in frenzied Pitbull attacks Baysville EL 2 men in hospital, August 8 2015

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OUT OF ACTION: Grahamstown businessman Gert Botha was bitten in his foot as he got out of his car



LAI LOW: Robert-James Green recovers after a rampaging pitbull ripped into the Ironman competitor's arm and foot while he was walking in the street. **INSET:** A photograph shows the deep puncture wounds on Green's wrist

By **BARBARA HOLLANDS**
Metro Desk

Four men bitten in Baysville, two end up in hospital

TWO men are in hospital and two others are nursing wounds after a pitbull linked to the death of Haidee Pook went on a bloody rampage through East London's Baysville suburb on Wednesday afternoon.

Two neighbours and Lionel Taylor, operations manager at the SPCA, said the dog belonged to Travis Wade.

Wade did not answer his door, nor respond to a message on his phone inviting his comment.

Pook, 45, was mauled to death on July 17 last year when she, Wade and another male friend arrived at Wade's Baysville home.

Haidee's father Ray Pook reacted: "How many times must this happen before someone else is killed?"

The family scattered Haidee's ashes from the river jetty in Hamburg two weeks ago.

The inquest into Pook's death reconvenes on October 2.

Speaking from his hospital bed yesterday, Robert-James Green, 28, said: "I had just left my mother's house to



ACCUSED: Left, this pitbull, in a file picture, was removed from Travis Wade's Baysville premises, seen on right, after the attack on Haidee Pook. It is suspected this dog was involved in the recent attacks



Pictures: ALAN EASON / MARK ANDREWS

walk home around the corner, when I heard the dog running behind me.

"As I turned, it just went straight for my right foot. I started screaming for help and tried to push it away, but it kept coming and tore my slip-slop off."

Green's mother, Sue Green, who lives three houses away from Wade, ran out of her driveway.

"I shouted at her to go back

and tried to fend the dog off with my right hand, and managed to get behind the gate, but it got hold of my left arm and ripped my jersey off as the gate was closing."

"It then mauled my jersey on the pavement. My hand had three deep puncture wounds and as I was wrapping it with my T-shirt I saw Travis running after the dog and catching it."

Green's mother said a mo-

ment later the dog was on the loose again.

"I told the ambulance men who came to fetch me to be careful," said Green.

After being treated at the emergency ward, Green, who had just started training for his fifth Ironman 70.3, spent the night at home.

However, X-rays revealed he had a fracture of the radial styloid "ulna" bone as well as other smaller frac-

tures, and he was admitted to Life St Dominic's Hospital and put on an antibiotic drip.

Gert Botha, 57, of Grahamstown, said the light brown dog locked its jaws round his foot as he was getting out of his car in Keam Street.

"It bit my foot before it even touched the ground and we battled for about five minutes."

"It was a very powerful dog and would not let go. I had to

hang onto my car door. I was terrified it would pull me out."

Botha broke free and drove to the Mediclinic for tetanus and anti-rabies shots.

"I can't work and have already lost R3 000 in two days. I'm in a lot of pain," said Botha who laid charges at the Grahamstown police station.

"I also want to lay civil charges against the dog's owner."

After attacking Botha, the pitbull charged through the gate of Marina Hills flats as Nigel Coutts, 35, opened the gate for two window repair men, and grabbed Alfred Kewti, 57 by the leg, knocking him over.

"It went straight for his leg and was mauling it badly in a prolonged attack. I was hitting and kicking it but it would not let go."

"Eventually I grabbed it by the scruff of its neck and dragged it out and got the gate closed. It bit my shin in the process. It was horrific and there was blood all over."

Kewti's manager, Juan Koekemoer, said: "His leg looked very bad. Alfred said he would definitely press charges." — barbarah@dispatch.co.za

Ithuba Holdings confirmed as lottery operator

By **LINDA ENSOR**

ITHUBA Holdings has been reconfirmed as the national lottery operator by Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies, who now faces further litigation by Gidani.

Gidani corporate executive

the judgment of the High Court in Pretoria.

He said the original decision to grant Ithuba the licence was unlawful as Ithuba did not comply with the licence conditions.

The High Court in Pretoria last month declared Davies's

the order is suspended for a month.

Yesterday, Muller said Gidani planned to take the matter to court but still had to decide whether to seek an urgent interdict or another route.

The Department of Trade

been concluded yesterday.

The department said the minister was "satisfied" that Ithuba met the requirements of the Lotteries Act to operate the lottery.

"Minister Davies is confident that now that the process has been finalised, Ithuba will

Davies had addressed the concerns of the judgment and had elected to negotiate with Ithuba as the preferred bidder, the statement read.

Ithuba CEO Charmaine Mabuya said the outcome of the negotiation period reconfirmed that the bidding pro-

cess was a success.

More than 9 000 terminals would be rolled out with over 8 000 already in operation across the country.

"South Africans can also look forward to the introduction of new games and the addition of online platforms over the next few months,"

she said.

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Wagtail recovery for pitbull pup 'a miracle' Author:

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External magistrate to hear clerk's case

By RAY HARTLE

A MAGISTRATE from outside the East London Magistrate's Court precinct will be appointed to hear the case of a local court clerk, Mphahla Mphahla, who is charged with stealing R1 100 in two separate incidents.

Mphahla appeared briefly in court on Wednesday, nine months since her first appearance, and asked for the magistrate, prosecutor and interpreter to receive themselves and for court personnel from outside to be brought in for her trial.

Mphahla, who works in an administrative office, faces two counts of theft involving amounts of R500 and R600. She is currently on suspension as a result of the charges against her. Attorney Ntshokelo Manyane told the court his client felt it would be an injustice for her to be tried by East London officials, with whom she interacted in the normal course of her duties.

There had been gossip in the court corridors about her case before it was brought to court.

While it would be impossible to prove, Mphahla believed even acting magistrate Leon Kemp, appointed to

preside at her trial, might have overheard discussion of her case in the magistrate's lounge.

The National Prosecuting Authority had already pre-empted a potential conflict of interest by appointing Mantsane prosecutor Noniso Ntshokelo to prosecute the case.

Granting the application for his own recusal, Kemp said it was important to deal with the perception of bias.

When the case was enrolled in April last year, he was allocated to hear it on the basis that he was relatively new to the local courts.

He acknowledged that after a year of being on the bench, it was "true that people do talk".

There had also been an instance when Mphahla had come into his office and he had insisted she leave and only return in the company of a prosecutor, in order to avoid their interaction being misconstrued.

Manyane subsequently withdrew his application for an external interpreter to be appointed.

The trial date has been set down for March 27, with Kemp undertaking to request a magistrate from outside the district to hear the matter. — rayh@dispatch.co.za

Wagtail recovery for pitbull pup 'a miracle'

By ELEANOR DOUGLAS-MEYERS

IT HAS BEEN A "miracle" operation-free recovery for Zara, the East London puppy who made headlines when she was refused passage on an airplane for a life-saving operation.

The dog who was rushed to the Onderstepoort Veterinary Academic Hospital in Pretoria through the generous assistance of SAA cargo, has learnt to walk again without surgical intervention, checking the experts.

"The vet said there was no explanation for her recovery as scans and examinations showed a definite need to operate," Zara's owner, Gaeleyn Cokayne, said.

Just last week, Zara's scans showed significant damage to her vertebrae and spinal cord. To remedy this, veterinary surgeon Martinus Hartman was scheduled to remove the broken pieces of bone pushing on her spinal cord and use bone from her

hip to make new discs.

Examinations this week showed that this was not necessary.

"We've been absolutely blown away, left speechless, in tears, flabbergasted," Cokayne said about the recovery of her puppy who will be back in East London today.

Hartman, who increased Zara's stay in Onderstepoort, told the Cokaynes Zara's bones would knit back together as she grew and she should heal completely.

Zara will keep the neck brace on for two to three weeks and be on anti-inflammatory medication.

"She is okay and moving 100% - driving them mad trying to get out of the cage," Cokayne said.

The Cokaynes had set up a bank account on behalf of Zara and had raised R4 000 to date, which covers half of the medical expenses.

Donations are still coming in and any money not used for Zara will be donated to the Underdogs SA Rehabilitation Centre, from where Zara was adopted.



LONG ROUTE: Pupils are stranded on the side of the road after the transport system failed them on the first day of school. Picture: ZISANDA NKONKOE

Over 30 000 EC pupils set to walk to school

By BONGANI FUZILE
Senior Reporter

MORE THAN 30 000 Eastern Cape pupils in need of school transport may be forced to walk to school this year.

This was admitted by the provincial department of transport yesterday. The department has budgeted to transport only 57 000 pupils, and admitted that due to financial constraints it could not transport the full number of 84 000 needing transport.

"There are 84 000 deserving pupils and we are able to transport 57 000 of them. Our next target is 65 000 pupils," said spokesman Ncedo Kumbaka.

"Despite the challenges we face and the short time we had to pre-

Kids excluded due to cash shortage

pare the current programme, we can say we are doing well."

Kumbaka said by yesterday 99% of budgeted for pupils were transported and a number of taxi operators had supported the department, but that there were "a few individuals who wanted to sabotage and disrupt the idea."

He said reasons for transport delays in some areas of the province, including the Amathole and O R Tambo regions, were roads being in a poor state and operators transporting pupils without operating licences.

The department said plans were under way to engage the department of public works to assist in

fixing the roads. "We are not going to allow our operators to drive on such roads - this is about the safety of the pupils as well."

Kumbaka said that by the end of the week the registration of transport operators and awarding of operating licences would be finalised. "We finished working at 2am on Thursday and that shows how dedicated the officials are in this department. We wanted to make sure that everything is done thoroughly."

Regarding the thousands of pupils left stranded on the first day of school, Kumbaka said not all pupils would be transported.

"We receive an approved list of

qualifying pupils from the education department and we transport those. It must be understood that not all the schools or pupils are registered to be transported. If you are not approved we are not going to transport you," he said.

Transport MEC Weziwe Tlana and education department officials were travelling the province to monitor pupil transport.

Ntsakalo Ngale, the spokesman for the Alfred Nzo district has council, said they were operating smoothly in the area.

"We have no complaints here and we are excited by what the department has done. But it must be said that there were times where people wanted to sabotage this, forgetting that we are doing this for the children," — bongani@dispatch.co.za

Youth gets life term for murders

By ASANDA NINI
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ONE of three youths accused of hacking an Eastern Cape mother and her two children to death in April 2013 and concealing their lifeless bodies in neighbours' pit toilets has been sentenced to life imprisonment by the Bisho High Court.

Thulani Nkomoni, 20, who was 18 years old at the time, was last week sentenced to life imprisonment on three counts of murder, robbery and housebreaking. The bodies of 44-year-old Sibongile Loko of Vekwana village in Ndevana outside King William's Town and her two children - Mthabisi, five, and four-month-old Themba - were found by neighbours at the pit toilets a few days after they disappeared.

Nkomoni's two co-accused, 20-year-old Sinekhle Phillip and 18-year-old Ayabulela Tshali, from the same village, received lesser sentences for being accomplices to the gruesome crime, which left the village in shock.

Phillip was sentenced to six years in prison for hiding information about the crime, while Tshali got five years for his role in concealing it.

Court papers reveal Nkomoni acted alone in killing Loko and her children. The decomposing bodies of the Loko family were found by neighbours wire-bound, with multiple stab wounds, wrapped in blood-soaked blankets and dumped in two pit toilets.

The bodies were discovered four days after the incident after neighbours noticed a foul smell from one of the toilets.

They made the gruesome discovery after spotting blood-soaked blankets inside their pit latrines.

The trio were arrested a day after the discovery after one of them confessed to his older brother and later pointed out his co-accused to police.

Mdeveni's Vekwana village has been named by provincial police commissioner Lieutenant-General Celwe Binta as a hotspot for the brutal murders of women and children.

During a Daily Dispatch visit to the area last year, shaken community members said they feared venturing out at night.

Most women in the village, especially those who lived alone, were shaken by the incident.

King William's Town police commander Brigadier Henry Vos this week welcomed the conviction and sentencing.

He praised the police for swiftly arresting the suspects and for the investigations that led to their conviction.

"Such people do not deserve to be in our community. We cannot tolerate each person who violates the rights of women and children," Vos said. — asanda@dispatch.co.za

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Pitbulls kill woman

By BONICANI FUZILE
Senior Reporter

A QUIET East London suburb is reeling in shock after a 45-year-old woman was mauled to death by pitbull terriers.

The attack took place in Baysville when Heidi Pook from Beacon Bay visited the home of a friend. She was with two male friends, one the homeowner, when the dogs attacked her shortly after midnight on Thursday.

The incident happened at the back of the property. East London police spokesman Captain Stephen Marais said an inquest docket has since been opened.

"It is alleged the deceased and two of her male friends arrived at the house that belonged to one of the male friends. The deceased was then attacked by the dog and it cannot be confirmed how many dogs attacked her as there was two full grown and two small pitbulls in the yard," said Marais.

Paramedic Paul Pick was one of the first to arrive at the house after the attack. "She lost a lot of blood and she had a severe neck injury



Baysville rocked by surprise attack



with bites in the stomach and waist," said Pick. "She was badly mauled by those dogs and there were signs of internal bleeding but when we arrived at the scene, we found her at the back of the vehicle but she was already dead."

Pick said the two men had to be rushed to hospital. "The men were emotional and one was breaking everything. Police had to take them to hospital as one was in a very bad state after he saw what happened."

The Saturday Dispatch vis-

ited the Baysville house where the attack happened but the dog owners were too distraught to comment. "We are shocked. Our thoughts are with her family," said a woman outside the house.

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visited the home of the deceased in Beacon Bay, but her father said he was not ready to speak to the media. Neighbours in Baysville said they were shocked to hear the noise in the early hours of the morning. One resident said: "The

people from that house were swearing and dogs barking for an hour or so.

"We didn't know what was happening until we saw police lights outside the house. We are still shocked in this quiet area. Baysville is a lovely peaceful neighbourhood." One of the neighbours said the dogs managed to get out of the property a few weeks ago. "The owner chased them and found them down the road. We are always scared of these dogs and look at what happened now."

Marais said the SPCA was called and the dogs were removed. The SPCA's Lionel Taylor confirmed the removal of three pitbulls. "They are here with us and they will be kept here until a decision is taken by the courts as to what to do with them," said Taylor.

Pitbull breeder Gaele Grobler of Manjaro Kennels in Fort Beaufort, who has been breeding pitbull terriers since 1963, said people usually trained their pitbulls to be vicious. "Pitbulls are humanely [sic] dogs and if you tease them and train them to be aggressive they become vicious," said Grobler. — bon-gani@dispatch.co.za