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Mauled man says pitbull victim could have been saved

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Daily Dispatch

By NIREN TOLSI

Lack of dialogue highlighted

Lonmin commission asks why miners not consulted by company before strike

LONMIN'S refusal to engage with miners involved in an unprotected strike at their Marikana operation in the days leading up to the police killing of 34 miners on August 16 2012 was placed under the spotlight at the Farlam Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

The platinum mining company's vice-president for mining operations at its Karee mine, Michael Da Costa, was quizzed on why, if he was given the green light by management to engage with rock-drill operators as early as June 2012, Lonmin executives refused to meet with strikers at the koppie from August 10 to 16 as the strike turned violent.

A poster calling for rock-drill operators to meet to discuss a R12 500 wage demand at the Karee mine shaft was first brought to Da Costa's attention in June 2012 and he subsequently raised it with Mark Munroe, executive vice-president for Lonmin's mining division.

According to Da Costa's submissions to the commission, he was then mandated by Munroe to meet and negotiate with worker representatives through June and July of 2012, in keeping with the company's "line of sight" strategy to communicate with workers.

Da Costa stated he had done so on several occasions, reporting back to Lonmin's executive committee, which eventually offered rock-drill operators a discretionary R750 allowance.

The offer was rejected.

Both Advocate Dali Mpofu, for the miners arrested and injured on August 16, and South African Police Service lawyer, Advocate Ishmael Semenya, questioned Da Costa on why – with tensions rising and killings beginning to characterise the strike – Lonmin made the decision not to engage with the miners.

Suggesting that on August 16, it was "more important to avert a catastrophe that is looming" and that the "only requirement from the strikers on the koppie was to talk", Semenya further pressed Da Costa on why Lonmin had remained firm on not engaging.

Da Costa responded that, not being privy to the executive committee's deliberations, his understanding was that the company was unwilling to meet the R12 500 demand and that to make that refusal at the koppie in Marikana where miners had gathered daily would have "aggravated the situation".

The commission continues today.

Students not happy with fund distribution

By MSINDISI FENGU

STUDENTS at the University of Fort Hare (UFH) are at loggerheads with university management over distribution of practical work incentives to teach at schools.

The students studying towards a teaching qualification in critical subjects said the funds would help them to travel to and from schools, buy books and other necessities.

But, university management said talks were ongoing to find a solution to the problem.

UFH registrar Professor Michael Somniso said management was meeting with students.

Somniso confirmed that only R2 500 a student was paid this year, which was reflected in their National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) records, instead of the R4 000 a student paid last year.

The R4 000 was a once-off payment that covers a six-week practical training period.

Students said the money was not paid into their bank accounts and was inaccessible.

Somniso said the funds would be released into their accounts once the verification process had been concluded.

NSFAS spokesman Xolani Gobelo distanced the organisation from the debacle, saying the organisation was not involved in distribution of funds by the university.

The university management and student representative council (SRC) were locked in meetings this week at the university's East London campus to resolve the impasse.

SRC secretary-general Andile Gama had not responded to questions at the time of going to print. — *msindisi@dispatch.co.za*

Mauled man says pitbull victim could have been saved

GORED: Baysville resident Roger Williams, 63, right, was attacked by one of the pitbulls that killed Haidee Pook. He sustained severe injuries Picture: SUPPLIED

By BARBARA HOLLANDS
Metro Desk

A MAN savaged by one of the pitbulls that mauled Haidee Pook to death last week said her life could have been spared if authorities had listened to him.

Roger Williams, 63, who lives two houses from the Baysville house where Pook died last week, said the dogs' owner Travis Wade set one of the pitbulls on him after a late night altercation at his house on July 15 2011.

"He (Wade) was over-revving his motorbike at about 1am so I took a hockey stick with me because I knew there were dogs there. I told him to shut up because he was waking everyone in the neighbourhood up.

"I didn't realise at the time that he was a body builder and bouncer."

Williams alleged Wade then hit him with either a baseball bat or piece of wood lying on his property.

"I fell down semi-conscious and that is when he let the black and white one (pitbull) out and it mauled me.

"I got my left arm over my head to protect my head and neck, but it bit me on top of the head and on my arms. I was shouting for help and a few neighbours came out.

"His father came out quickly and pulled the dog off me and my wife Sonja helped me home and took me to St Dominics Hospital."

Williams said he received about 20 stitches and had to undergo a series of nausea-inducing injections.

He supplied the Daily Dispatch with photographs of his injuries. He said he made a police statement about the attack on July 20 after a police officer encouraged him to do so.

However, after returning from an overseas trip a few weeks later he was informed the courts had declined to prosecute due to insufficient evidence.

"The nurses at the hospital were horrified at my injuries so I don't know why that decision was made."

He said the pitbull owner's parents paid his medical expenses which totalled R9 500.

"My opinion is if the dogs had been taken to a safe place she (Pook) would be alive today."

Wade, however, painted a different picture of the incident, saying Williams walked onto his driveway on the night in question and hit him on the head with a hockey stick while he was revving his bike.

"He came onto my property and hit me with a hockey stick and I took his stick and hit him and then he got attacked by my dog," he said.

● Haidee Pook was laid to rest from the Stirling Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at a service attended by friends and family.

Police have opened an inquest into her death and the dogs involved in the attack are being held at the East London SPCA until the court makes a decision on their fate. — *barbarah@dispatch.co.za*

SAYING GOODBYE: Family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of Haidee Pook at a memorial service yesterday afternoon Picture: MARK ANDREWS

Parolee up for rape had warning on intimidation

By ZWANGA MUKHUTHU
Crime Reporter

THE provincial department of correctional services yesterday said a paroled Willowvale rapist and murder accused was barred from intimidating women and children as part of his parole conditions.

The 40-year-old man was released on parole in 2012 after serving nine years of his 18-year prison sentence for raping his 10-year-old niece.

On Saturday he was arrested in Dadamba village for allegedly raping and killing 14-year-old Dorcas Nganqali on Friday night.

The suspect is not being named because he has not yet pleaded in court. He appeared in the Willowvale Magistrate Court on Tuesday and his case was postponed to next week.

Correctional service spokesman Zama Feni yesterday said as part of his release the suspect was not to intimidate women and children.

He also said the accused received four home visits a month from correctional services officials.

Feni said the parolee was also prohibited from consuming alcohol and drugs and from visiting places that sell alcohol and illegal substances.

"The other condition which was imposed on this parolee was house detention from midnight to morning but this condition was relaxed after he got a job," said Feni.

The victim's grandmother Novumile Nqanqali said yesterday correctional services officials had consulted with the community before releasing the suspect.

Eastern Cape police said the Grade 7 pupil was abducted from her house and taken to a nearby bush where she was raped and killed. — *zwangam@dispatch.co.za*

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SA1403	Johannesburg	1000
SA0471	Johannesburg	1135
SA1305	Durban	1305
SA1171	Cape Town	1525
SA0475	Johannesburg	1640
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SA1309	Durban	1755
SA1409	Johannesburg	1900
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SA1411	Johannesburg	2015

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SA8489	Port Elizabeth	1720
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Arrivals

MN801	Johannesburg	0815
MN805	Johannesburg	1725

Shipping

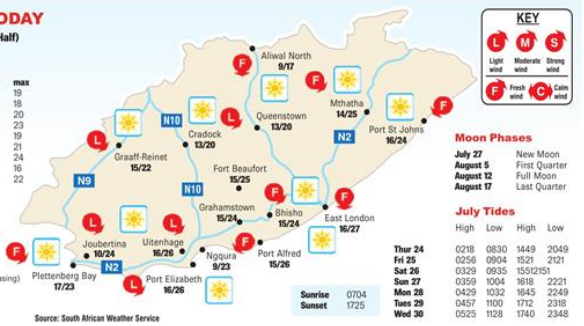
In port last night: Calm Buoy at Repair quay.
Arrived yesterday: Grand Cosmo from Durban (6am).
Sailed yesterday: Grand Cosmo to Port Elizabeth (8pm).
Due today: Prestige Ace from Port Elizabeth (6am).

WEATHER TODAY

Eastern Cape (Eastern Half)
FFine and warm.

Traveller's Weather

	min	max
Bloemfontein	12	19
Johannesburg	12	18
Pretoria	14	20
Durban	16	23
Polokwane	14	19
Kimberley	15	21
Upington	18	24
Cape Town	12	16
George	15	22



Yesterday's Weather

Max temp: 20.6°C
Min temp: 12.8°C
Discomfort Index: Nil
Barometer: 1023.6 hPa (decreasing)
Wind: 13 knots (SW)
Rain (at 2pm): Nil
Humidity: 50%
Sea: 16.5°C

Source: South African Weather Service

Sunrise 0704
Sunset 1725

Moon Phases

July 27	New Moon
August 5	First Quarter
August 12	Full Moon
August 17	Last Quarter

July Tides

	High	Low	High	Low
Thur 24	0218	0830	1449	2049
Fri 25	0256	0904	1521	2121
Sat 26	0329	0935	1551	2151
Sun 27	0359	1004	1618	2221
Mon 28	0429	1032	1645	2249
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