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Suspected wife killer on the run



Rural Development MEC Milbo Qoboshiane lays a wreath at the Ginsberg Cemetery yesterday. See page 2 for report

Picture: SIBONGILE NGALWA

Woman's body found hidden under the bed

By MALIBONGWE DAYIMANI
Crime Reporter

A BREIDRACH man who allegedly killed his wife and hid her body under the bed for five days is on the run after he managed to flee from police during questioning at his Gast home yesterday.

The partly decomposed body of 30-year-old Carmelita King Batjies was discovered by King William's Town police who kicked down the door and found the woman's stabbed body hidden under the bed.

The 31-year-old man allegedly stabbed his wife after they had argued about him selling her 2002 Volkswagen Polo Classic without consent.

The gruesome discovery was made thanks to the instincts of Batjies' best friend Michelle Quille, 31, who said she knew everything about the couple's problematic marriage.

She said Batjies had recently obtained protection orders against the allegedly abusive husband, as well as his mother and two sisters.

Batjies was supporting her unemployed husband with her salary she earned as a King William's Town furniture shop.

Quille said.

Quille said she became suspicious of the husband as he did not join the search party for her wife who had been missing for five days.

"They had a big fight at 5.30 on Saturday morning after he sold



SAD END: Forensic pathology workers inspect the area outside the home where a 30-year-old woman was found dead in Breidbach yesterday

Picture: BONGOLE JACOBS

the car. He was demanding the papers for the car which Carmelita stashed away so the transfer of ownership cannot happen because she disapproved of the sale," Quille said.

Following a five-day search Quille said she decided to go to the police station yesterday after her suspicions of the husband grew stronger.

"I went to the police station and told them that I suspect the husband because while everyone was concerned, he was not. He never took part in the searches and never seemed worried," she said.

Quille said she got more annoyed with the husband's irresponsibility after she heard that he sold his wife's Nokia Asha phone on Monday while she was still missing.

"He turned the house into a construction site by removing big stones and I knew he was planning on buying something," Quille said.

The deceased is from Fynbos in East London. She relocated to King William's Town after getting married to the suspect five years ago.

By 6pm yesterday, police officers and forensic experts were still working on the crime scene while hundreds of horrified community members watched.

The suspect was allegedly admitted to TIK (crystal methamphetamine).

Asked to describe the character of the suspect who was known for his quiet nature, neighbour Desmond Coetzee, 36, used an Afrikaans expression: "nille eners, dipe grand onder drui die diurel rond (still waters run deep and that is where the devil roams)."

"This is shocking for the entire community," he said.

King William's Town Police spokeswoman Captain Sipho Mawisa confirmed they were investigating a murder case.

She said the suspect was still at large. — malibongwe@dispatch.co.za

Bees kill dog and attack EL residents

By POLISWA SEJOSING

A FURIOUS swarm of bees attacked and killed an American pitbull and stung some people in an East London neighbourhood.

The bees have left a Morningside community feeling terrified to move outside in case they incite the bees' wrath.

The swarm found a temporary home in a neighbour's roof, but despite numerous attempts by the community to have the colony removed, the owner of the house has been criticised for not moving fast enough.

The American pitbull Zeak died after scores of bees stung him to death on

Wednesday afternoon.

Zeak's owner Malcolm Markus told the Daily Dispatch he tried all he could to save the dog.

"Zeak was at the back of our yard when he was attacked by the bees. My girlfriend and I tried to help him but the bees were all over him," he said.

Markus's elderly mother, Elaine, said she had to watch helplessly while Zeak fought for his life.

Another neighbour, Hamilton Mackay, said he was working in his garden when he was also attacked by the bees.

"They stung me all over. My wife who is crippled fell on the ground and she was also attacked."

Mackay said a few years ago his dog

died too. "What really upsets me is that when these things happen the owners of the house don't come and check up on you," he said.

Rent Venter, the owner of the house where the colony is, said someone would help to remove the bees today.

"My two dogs also died this week after they were attacked by the bees. These are not my bees. I don't want them here. I've tried to have them removed but they keep coming back," he said.

Bee expert, Dr Garth Cambray, said bee attacks were common around this time of the year as colonies were getting ready to expand.

"This process is known as swarming.

This is when a new honey bee colony is formed," Cambray said.

"The queen bee leaves the colony together with a large group of worker bees. The bees are busy looking for a new home because the size of the original swarm is expanding."

"A lot of things anger bees – and dogs are on that list."

Buffalo City Metro spokesman Samkelo Ngevu said environmental health bylaws stated that people could only keep bees in the RCM area of jurisdiction if they had a permit.

He added that citizens could report people who kept bees in their homes on 043-705-2901/2904/2907.

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Warning on Sanral's N2 blasting plan

By NONSINDISO QWABE

MORE blasting is set to take place on the N2 at the SA National Roads Agency Limited (Sanral) rolls out alternative routes this weekend.

For vehicles travelling from Mthatha towards East London, at the Nubakazi N2 junction take the R408 towards Ngqamakhe-

Mithethu cuttings between Darywa and Mthatha from 6am tomorrow morning to Sunday evening. The agency advised motorists to use alternative routes this weekend.

For vehicles travelling from Mthatha towards East London, at the Nubakazi N2 junction take the R408 towards Ngqamakhe-

Tsomo and at the tsik junction take the R61 towards Ngqoko. That will take you straight to Mthatha or East London."

The Dispatch reported on Wednesday there would be roadworks tomorrow and Sunday between the villages of Tetyana and Sibebe Komkhulu. — nonsindiso@dispatch.co.za

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