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### Vicious attack – dogs put down

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### Doctor on trial in EL after assault

By ZWANA MUKHUTHU  
Court Reporter

THE East London Magistrate's Court last week heard that a medical doctor had threatened his estranged wife's alleged lover with a hammer.

The doctor is on trial on criminal charges of contravening a protection order, assault and malicious damage to property.

He has pleaded not guilty.

The court heard that on May 4 Mkhulu Peter and his now ex-wife Annette Peter were at Annette's Laboratory in Southernwood, East London waiting for a consultation when Annette's lawyer, Mark Fredericks, arrived on the scene and an argument broke out after Fredericks was accused of having an affair with Annette.

Taking the stand on Friday, Annette testified before magistrate Kevin von Bratt that her ex-husband became violent on seeing the attorney at the venue.

"While we were waiting the lawyer came in and spoke to me. My husband started swearing, saying the lawyer did not have morals as he was sleeping with a married woman."

He then went to fetch a hammer (from his vehicle) and came back carrying a hammer saying he wanted to deal with the lawyer.

Fredericks fled out a back door. Annette said she later attended a conference with 20 colleagues and her husband followed her there.

"He approached where I was seated and said 'are you coming or what?' He then pushed me to the floor and withdrew a hammer from his waist and started kicking me," said Annette, adding her colleagues including the man who was chairing the meeting, fled in fear.

Annette said security guards came to restrain her husband, who was shouting allegations at her. She rushed to the East London police station to report the matter.

She further testified that her husband had entered her home armed with a brick the following morning and threatened her. "I heard a noise outside while I was preparing my child for school. I looked outside and saw him smashing the windows of my BMW using a brick. I started calling police. He came to the sliding door and smashed it using a brick."

"He then forced it open."

The damage amounted to R250,000. Peter denies the incidents took place. The trial was postponed to March 17. — [zwangam@dailydispatch.co.za](mailto:zwangam@dailydispatch.co.za)

## Peace is restored in Sunrise-on-Sea

'Aggressive, paranoid' man taken to hospital after rooftop standoff with police



SOLITARY WORLD: Gavin Weyer points at his Sunrise-on-Sea home, which he has covered with painted messages. Weyer was taken by police on Saturday afternoon to Cecilia Makiwane Hospital for psychiatric observation after he became aggressive last week.

By BARBARA HOLLANDS

PEACE is restored in a seaside village after a resident who went on the rampage last week was arrested in a three-hour police operation that included a negotiator and fire engine.

Gavin Weyer covered his walls and windows with painted messages and signs, and allegedly set fire to his double-storey Sunrise-on-Sea seaside home in November last year, threw an acidic substance at two men, lobbed rocks at two cars at least and tossed beer bottles and red and white paint onto the streets outside his home on Thursday evening.

Neighbour Nadège Rankin described the episode as "nightmarish" and became so terrified when Weyer "stood in the road and waved his chainsaw about" that

she and her daughter fled their home in their pyjamas.

Following Thursday night's furor, three charges – two of assault and one of malicious damage to property – were opened at the Gombie police station.

She said early on Saturday morning Weyer was again painting words, this time on the windows of his partially gutted home.

Police spokeswoman Hazel Mgala said Weyer was arrested on Saturday afternoon and spent the night at Cecilia Makiwane hospital for observation. She was unable to confirm how many officers were on the scene, but said a police negotiator was called in when Weyer clambered onto his roof.

"Police went there because it was alleged he was mentally disturbed," Mgala said. Weyer appeared in court yesterday morning where his case was remanded.

He is being held at the East London Correctional Services Centre in West Bank.

Rankin – who lives directly across the road from Weyer, whose elderly father died a few days after the fire that Weyer allegedly set himself – said his arrest was "traumatic and emotional" but that police had been sensitive to the situation.

"At first four officers and two detectives arrived but Gavin ran away and bolted up upstairs and they followed him in."

Rankin said Weyer climbed out of a window and onto the roof and shouted at police that they were on private property. "He was asking why they were arresting him on a Saturday because that was his day of rest and saying they should come back on Monday."

He was ranting and raving that people had set his house on fire.

Then he disappeared back inside."

Rankin said by this time a police negotiator and a fire engine had arrived, and the negotiator finally persuaded him to emerge.

Sunrise-on-Sea community police forum chairman Johan Odoloe said the arrest was "like a sieve" but the village was now peaceful.

"Now everything is nice and quiet, like it used to be."

Gavin used to be a harmless clerk, but then he got paranoid and started saying the baddeas had cameras strapped to them.

"The sooner he gets help the better," said Odoloe.

However, neighbour Aubrey McGarry said the arrest involved an inappropriate "show of force", and he also accused residents of taunting Weyer in the weeks leading up to Thursday's episode, saying it "pushed him over the edge". — [karnesh@dailydispatch.co.za](mailto:karnesh@dailydispatch.co.za)

### School shocked by two stabbings in pupil disputes

By MBALI TANANA

TWO stabbings incidents in just three days have rocked a Gombie school.

The first stabbing took place on February 14, Valentine's Day, and the second on Friday, both at Mzamwethu Public School in Mzamwethu.

The Daily Dispatch was alerted to the matter by the aunt of a Grade 6 pupil who was stabbed by another pupil with a pen and cut with a pair of scissors in the second incident.

"I was disappointed by the lack of support from the school," said the aunt, who may not be identified to protect her.

She said the school did "nothing" to try and get her nephew medical help and told her management was unable to intervene.

"This left me and the boy's mother scratching around for money to hire a car to transport the boy to the hospital," she said.

"(Her nephew) said he was stabbed by the other pupil after he accidentally stood on his face while they were changing periods and heading to another class."

She said he was stabbed with a pen and "slit" with a pair of scissors on the forehead.

Her nephew was first taken to a clinic and then to Free Hospital where he received four stitches.

"At the clinic they told us [the cut] was very deep and we needed to take him to hospital, and we had to borrow money to do so," she said.

The Daily Dispatch visited the school yesterday morning and spoke to school governing body member Soso Tuzamo who confirmed both incidents.

Tuzamo said the first incident on Valentine's Day had occurred when two friends, aged 15 and 17, got into an argument and one stabbed the other.

"The argument erupted when the younger child mocked the other for dressing up in red and white, which was permitted on that day as part of the school's fundraising, while the other wore his school uniform."

"We were aware of the more recent incident, but did not know the family needed financial assistance to transport the boy to hospital," said Tuzamo.

He attributed the two attacks to a lack of security at the school. "It's only after these incidents the parents have committed to contribute to a security guard at the school, but the biggest challenge is fencing, because weapons and drugs can easily be brought in through other parts of the premises," he said.

A case had not been opened with police regarding the second incident either.

Education spokesman Makhlongwe Muma said: "The principal has been told to submit an official report on the matter to ensure that all allegations are dealt with accordingly."

The report will be used as a source when investigations kick in." — [mbali@dailydispatch.co.za](mailto:mbali@dailydispatch.co.za)

TENSE TIMES: Mzamwethu Public School in Nompumelo was the scene of two separate stabbing incidents last week. Picture: SIBONGILE NGALANA

By ADRIENNE CARLISLE

SOME 300 pupils at an unregistered independent school in Port Elizabeth will have to enrol elsewhere after the Grahamstown High Court rejected its application for leave to appeal against its closure.

The provincial education department last month successfully brought the urgent high court interdict to stop Eduplanet from operating its unregistered independent school in Port Elizabeth as a vital first step in its battle against unregistered schools.

It said the future of children attending

### Illegal private school loses appeal to stay open

unregistered and unmonitored schools where standards may not be up to scratch put pupils at risk.

Eduplanet had requested the high court to suspend the operation of the interdict for 12 months to give it an opportunity to complete the registration process.

In upholding the judgment to immediately interdict its operation, the school said Judge

Clive Plasket had erred not taking into consideration the best interest of the children affected. Plasket had ruled he could not suspend what amounted to ongoing criminal conduct.

The SA Schools Act requires all schools to be registered with the state and makes it a criminal offence to establish an unregistered independent school or admit people to

it. Eduplanet had operated since July last year in a completely unregulated way and the industrial area it operated in was not zoned for educational purposes.

In rejecting Eduplanet's application for leave to appeal, Plasket said it was not apparent that it was in the best interest of the pupils at Eduplanet to allow it to continue despite not being registered.

"The legislation concerning the registration of independent schools is in place so that proper standards can be maintained in order to protect and promote the fundamental right of students to education... Its purpose is also to ensure that students at independent schools are educated by properly qualified teachers in a safe and healthy physical environment. None of this can be

guaranteed in the unregulated circumstances contended for by Eduplanet."

He added that the education department had also already set in place urgent steps to facilitate the placement of the pupils in other schools.

Eduplanet had behaved in a brazenly unlawful manner displaying contempt for the constitution, the law and the parents and pupils registered with it. He said there was no reasonable prospect of another court arriving at a different conclusion.

The application for leave to appeal was dismissed.

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By GARETH WILSON AND ESTELLE ELLIS

THREE pitbulls involved in a savage attack on a man in Rowan Park, Port Elizabeth at the weekend have been euthanased at the request of their owner.

Animal Welfare yesterday confirmed that the dogs had been put down. Two of the dogs were removed by Animal Aid Cruelty and later handed to Animal Welfare to look after.

Yesterday, the third dog was handed to Animal Welfare by their owner, Marcus van Meiring. Van Meiring is now under investigation for failing to prevent injury to another person under the Animal Protection Act, according to police spokeswoman Colonel Priscilla Naidoo.

The man, whose identity is still unknown, was attacked in Rowan Street on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday his arm was amputated.

While details about the attack still remain sketchy, Eastern Cape health spokesman Sizwe Kugelo said the victim was doing better yesterday and was now in a stable condition in Livingstone Hospital.

Shortly after the attack, residents took to social media claiming the victim had attempted to break into the pitbull owner's house, but to date no one has provided any evidence of this.

Naidoo said the owner of the dogs had not opened a case.

"The investigation is still under way and the detective has been to the hospital. The victim is still in the Intensive Care Unit and unable to talk. His identity is still unknown but residents in the area have confirmed he frequents the area pulling a cart collecting people's rubbish," — TMG

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