

Drunk teachers charged

Larry Bentley

A GROUP of more than eight teachers have been charged following an incident in Melmoth in which they assaulted a policeman.

The incident occurred on Wednesday evening when the police found the teachers drinking in public and asked them to disperse.

The group resisted and started shouting abuse at the police and assaulted one policeman.

They then went to the police station to lay charges against the police, but the officers at the community service centre refused to accept their statements as they were claimed to be under the influence.

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Mtunzini accident claims one

Megan Erasmus

A HEAD-ON collision on the main road into Mtunzini just before the toll plaza bridge on Thursday morning claimed one life and left seven others injured.

But the real tragedy was that no provincial ambulance service was available to respond to the emergency.

Mtunzini-based doctor Paul Zwartz was first alerted to the accident after one of the injured patients walked into his doctor's rooms with a broken arm.

Heading immediately to the scene of the accident, Zwartz called the provincial ambulance service, EMRS, and informed them of the situation.

'All the person on the other end of the line bluntly said was that there were no ambulances



Community members arrived to help doctors and paramedics care for the injured

available and then put the phone down in my ear.'

Zwartz then made a call to the private ambulance services and proceeded stabilising the pa-

tients with the help of two other private doctors.

'Mounties Ambulance arrived first and they helped us stabilise the patients before

transporting them to Ngwelezana Hospital.'

Of the initial eight injured in the accident, three sustained serious injuries while two were declared critical, one of whom later died at the scene.

The impact left both Toyota Conquests damaged beyond repair, with one missing an engine.

While the private services receive no payment for their time and the use of equipment, they still arrived and helped stabilise and transport the patients to hospital, said Zwartz.

'There was zero interest from the State medical response services.'

The Zululand Observer attempted to get comment from EMRS, but no response was received at the time of going to print.

Police seize guns linked to poaching

Angela Kelly

FOUR men suspected to be involved in rhino poaching were nabbed with their guns and ammunition near Mtubatuba last week.

The KwaMsane Tactical Response Team and Mtubatuba Vispol officers were patrolling in Mtubatuba along the St Lucia road last Tuesday, when they came across a car with four suspicious-looking occupants.

'The police stopped and searched the vehicle and found two 303 rifles with ammunition,' said police spokesman, Captain Thulani Zwane.

Police arrested the men for

possession of unlicensed firearms.

'They are also suspected to be involved in rhino poaching in the area,' said Capt Zwane.

In a separate incident, KwaMsane police team arrested two men in possession of guns and ammunition on Human Rights Day.

'The tactical response team and KwaMsane Crime Prevention officers were looking for an attempted murder suspect during their operation, and they pounced on two men who were found with two unlicensed 9mm pistols and ammunition,' said Capt Zwane.

The officers also managed to

trace and arrest a suspect wanted for attempted murder in the area. He was also found in possession of an unlicensed 9mm pistol.

'The same pistol is believed to have been used in the shooting and wounding of his girlfriend,' he said.

The three men, aged between 20 and 24, were charged with possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

The third suspect was charged with an additional charge of attempted murder.

Capt Zwane said all the confiscated firearms would be sent for ballistic tests to determine if the guns had been used in any crime.

Body found hanging in tree

Larry Bentley

COMMUTERS travelling to eShowe along the John Ross Highway on Friday morning were shocked to see the body of a man hanging from a tree next to the road.

The eShowe SAP responded to the incident and found that the elderly man was already dead.

The police are investigating the matter, but no foul play is suspected.

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