



Warrant Officer Lucky Magubane who was instrumental in securing a conviction in a serial rape case in Loskop.

Dedicated officer puts serial rapist in prison

Warrant Officer Lucky Magubane was recently successful in putting a serial rapist behind bars. As a seasoned detective attached to the Family Violence, Child Protection & Sexual Offences Unit in Estcourt, Magubane's investigations pointed to a single suspect in several cases he was tasked to investigate. Society was about to be rid of a dangerous sexual predator.

During the latter part of 2015, two females aged 16 and 20 were at a residence in the Tatane area of Amangwe (Loskop). The door was suddenly forced open and two unknown men entered the premises.

The men assaulted and raped both females before fleeing the scene.

The incident was reported to police and investigations began.

In November 2016, three women from the same area also became victims of rape. They woke up to find two men in the room they were sleeping in.

All three women were brutally raped.

In July 2018, a similar incident took place in the Mqendaba area of Amangwe. The two

victims were both in their teens and were robbed of their property.

In all three incidents, the victims were unable to identify the perpetrators.

However, thorough investigation led to the arrest of a suspect.

The cases were enrolled at the Estcourt Regional Court and after several remands, the case was finalised recently.

Mbukeleleli Simon Dice Khumalo (32) was sentenced to three terms of life imprisonment and an additional five years on one count of attempted rape, as well as five years on a count of housebreaking.

The accused never disclosed the identity of his accomplice.

The investigating officer, Warrant Officer Lucky Magubane, would like to place on record his appreciation to the following: the victims and witnesses who all presented strong verbal evidence; his unit commanders; Captain Duma (the arresting officer); and the public prosecutor for the guidance he was given during the investigation.

KZN ambassador needs your help

Former Estcourt resident Thandoluhle Chamane is counting on community support to help her win her biggest title ever... International Junior Miss South Africa 2022.

Thandoluhle (13) is a dedicated model and describes herself as a 'well behaved lady who enjoys reading, dancing and spending time with family'.

She started modelling at the tender age of five and has never looked back.

This teen is an ambassador for local businesses DotCom Creation and PK Pictures.

"At my first competition, I was crowned second princess and that is when my love for modelling grew even more. After a few years, I started again at Dream Chasers Academy. It has been an amazing journey, but there have also been challenges," she says.

To qualify for International Junior Miss South Africa 2022, Thandoluhle participated in the KZN leg of the pageant. She is now eligible to represent her province at the gala national event, which will be held from June 27 to July 3 at the Sandton Convention Centre in Gauteng.

According to pageant director Tidimalo Tlhabi, the aim is to develop and encourage the youth.

"We award scholarships to individuals on the basis of achievement throughout the weekend of the competition and service throughout the year as an International Junior Miss South Africa titleholder. The winners in each category at the Sandton Convention Centre will form part of a South African team that will represent the country at the international competition called International Junior Miss, which will be held in the United States of America," he explained. This would be a dream come true for the young teen and she is hopeful that with your support, this can be a reality.

Thandoluhle will have to raise more than R12,000 to be able to participate in the pageant and while



13-year-old Thandoluhle Chamane will be representing KZN at the International Junior Miss South Africa 2022 pageant.

she has the support of her family, she requires the financial backing of the community too. Please call Thandoluhle's mom, Sindiswe, on 073 311 4780 if you can help.

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