

Vicious winds destroy family home

Family in need after severe weather causes damage to their home

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The strong wind and rain on Monday evening caused severe damage to a Bankplaas property and has left a family without their only mode of transport.

Ms Dina Ntuli said she was at home with her family at about 17:00 when the storm started. About 10 minutes later, a massive tree fell through the roof of the property, causing immense damage to the house. The family safely evacuated the home and ran to find refuge at a neighbour's house. During the evacuation, the family realised their Toyota Tazz had suffered a fate worse than the house.

All of the family's possessions have been ruined and their family car was destroyed.

Anyone who would like to lend a helping hand to the family can contact Richard on 073 504 2270 or 081 888 6155.

The severe weather also caused damage to the holiday resorts in the area.



Ms Ntuli said the family was very scared when the tree fell, especially her youngest daughter.



Ms Ntuli's car is beyond repair.



The massive tree that fell onto the Ntuli's family home.

Suspects in stripped Gholfsig mansion released

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Police have, for the second time, released suspects arrested in connection to the destruction of a Gholfsig mansion, while the community continues to fight a losing battle against drug-related crime.

Two male suspects were accosted by Mid Alarms reaction officers when they were caught red-handed within the looted house, estimated at R2.3 million.

This was the second successful arrest in connection with the Gholfsig mansion after Mid Alarms officers caught a suspected drug addict inside the house on February 7.

The mansion made headlines due to the shocking destruction left in the wake of vagrants who inhabited the abandoned property, while simultaneously carrying it away piece by piece.

During the initial arrest, Ms Rene Peyper, from Rene Peyper Properties, explained how the house had systematically been stripped and vandalised by vagrants and drug addicts, who left an estimated R1.8 million destruction in their path.

The previous suspect, who was arrested by Mid Alarms, was handed over to the SAPS, but later released because Ms Peyper could not open a case on behalf of the homeowner, who resides in a retirement facility in Pretoria.

Mr Johan Oberholzer, Operational Manager of Mid Alarms, told the *Middelburg Observer* that the two reaction officers responsible for Thursday's arrest placed their lives in danger to apprehend the suspects.

The team became aware of the vandals during a technical visit to the property. Upon their arrival, they were alerted of two suspects inside the home.

The technicians then dispatched a reaction officer, who rushed to the house.

Officer Shaun Koch found the two suspects inside. While struggling to apprehend them, Officer Koch was involved in a scuffle, and one suspect tried to take his weapon from him. The second suspect fled outside, where one of the technicians, Mr Jeandré Bekker, managed to apprehend him. The suspect lashed out at Mr Bekker too, trying to stab him with a screwdriver.

Once the suspects were handed over to the SAPS, they were once again nearly released, until Mr Oberholzer approached two high-ranking members of the SAPS. He convinced them to accompany him on a tour through the house, where they could experience the full extent of the damage first-hand.

It was later agreed that a case could be opened by Ms Peyper and the suspects were arrested.

Mr Oberholzer, however, gave feedback that the case was struck from the court roll and the suspects were released temporarily, while the court awaits outstanding statements.



The house in Gholfsig was looted and vandalised by vagrants.

Bankkaarte, ID's, juwele 'opgetel'

Lede van die Middelburg Dagpatrolie het die afgelope maand by twee geleentede juwele by verdagtes gekry.

Mnr. Arthur Hill (Dagpatrolie) sê 'n maand gelede het hulle 'n jong hawelose (waarskynlik 'n dwelmverslaafde) by die eilandjie in die Klein Olifantsrivier gekry.

Hy het 'n paar sakke by hom gehad en het geen probleem gehad.

Alhoewel die meeste van die artikels nutteloos was, het die lede gewonder oor twee sakkies juwele wat hy by hom gehad het.

"Daar was 'n klomp juwele in en op ons vraag waar dit vandaan kom, was die antwoord: 'ek het dit langs 'n asblik opgetel.'" Hy kon nie verduidelik waar hy dit opgetel het nie.

Vrydagaand omstreeks 20:40 het die Middelburg Dagpatrolie 'n oproep gekry van 'n vrou wat bekommerd was oor 'n man se gedrag by 'n kitsbank in John Magagulastraat.

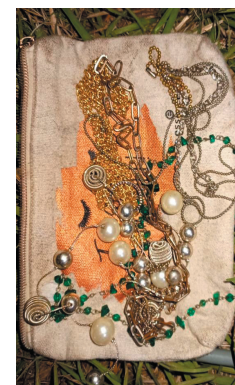
"Hy het gekarring by die kitsbank en het lank daar rond gevroetel. Die vrou was bang dat hy dalk die kitsbank wil opblaas," sê mnr Hill. Een van die patrollielede is uit

soontoe.

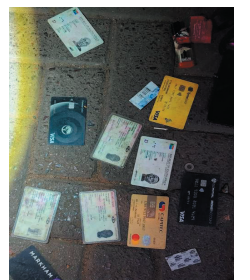
Hy het 'n sak vol kaarte by hom gehad, waaronder 12 bankkaarte (wat hy probeer gebruik het), vier ID's en ses bestuurderslisensies.

"Al het hulle nie jou pinnommer nie, probeer hulle tog allerlei nommers om te probeer geld trek," sê mnr. Hill.

Dié man het ook die verskoning gehad dat hy "alles opgetel het".



Die juwele wat in die beige sakke was.



Van die bankkaarte, ID's en bestuurderslisensies wat 'n man by hom gehad het Vrydagaand.



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Mpumalanga Provincial Government and the Local Authority. For approval to exhume and relocate to a local cemetery, or to mitigate by other means, the remains of graves buried at:

Farm: Vaalbank 289 JS (Blackwattle Colliery)

The human remains will be exhumed from their current place of burial and reburied in a cemetery administered by the local authority or any other location as per the request of the deceased's families.

All persons and descendants of the deceased, all persons and communities by tradition concerned with the graves or any person or communities with an interest in the graves, are invited to participate in the process and must forward their contact particulars to the officials listed below **within 60 days of the date of this notice.**

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Lamathuna azothinteka ngokuthi ambiwe asuswe kulendawo akuyo njengamanje izinsalela zawo zingcwatshwe kabusha kwindawo entsha ngokwesicelo nokuvumelana nemindeni ethintekayo. Bonke abantu, umphakathi othintekayo noma ohlobene ngokwesiko kanye nezizukulwane zabantu abangcwatshwe kulendawo bayamenywa ukuba babambe iqhaza kulokhu nokuthi kumele balethe imininingwane yabo yokuxhumana kulelikheli elingezansi ezinsukwini eziyi-60 kusukela osukwini olukulesi saziso.

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