

Cops assist disabled people in Hankey

The Hankey SAPs held an outreach programme in the town on the first day of the project.

The project was hosted in aid of casual day - to celebrate diversity with persons with disability. During the day the police explained the Ministerial six point plan to a group of learners and persons with disabilities.

SAPS officials and learners distributed pamphlets on gender-based violence in town.

The SAPS also officials contributed cash towards two disabled persons to assist them to purchase groceries.



CRIME SCENE



Storms River rapist gets 19 years

A 25 year-old man from Storms River was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on 29 August, by the Humansdorp Regional Court for raping a young woman on 19 February last year at 17.30 pm in Coldstream, Storms River.

The suspect was arrested soon after the incident.

Police said sterling work by Humansdorp family violence, child protection and sexual offences (FCS) unit resulted in a successful conviction. "Violence against women and children are at the top of the SAPS's priority list and we will do everything possible to bring perpetrators to book."

Victims were women. The suspects, aged between 25 and 30, were due to appear in the Humansdorp Magistrate's Court tomorrow on 28 August.

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The operation forms part of plans to address contact crimes in the Humansdorp cluster.

Man arrested with +R25000 worth dagga in Humansdorp

A 52 year-old man was arrested in Humansdorp last night, 2 September, for being in possession of more than R25 000 worth of dagga.

Alert police officials patrol in Mtsila Street, Kwanomzamo, noticed a suspicious vehicle driving without lights at 11.45 pm. The police pulled the vehicle

of the road and found the dagga. The suspect was arrested on the spot and is due to appear in the Humansdorp Magistrate's court on 4 September on a charge of the illegal possession of dagga. Police said the eradication and clamping down on the illicit possession and sale of drugs continues to be the

focus of police officials in Humansdorp.

Five suspects arrested for violent crimes in JBay

Five suspects, including a 30 year-old woman, were arrested for various contact crimes from assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, a house robbery, in Jeffreys Bay on 23 August.

The SAPS media release said Jeffrey's Bay Station Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Makhoasa Kiviet led a team of police women in the operation. The woman suspect was arrested for assault with GBH intent.

Since it is women's month, the operation focused on cases where

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St Francis Bay highest increase in crime in EC

St Francis Bay police station had the highest increase in crime in the Eastern Cape from beginning of April last year to end of March this year.

This is according to a local St Francis Bay police report at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the end of August.

St Francis Bay is no longer a safe one on many fronts, with burglaries being one of the major areas of increase, the Neighbourhood Watch reported.

The current crime hotspots in St Francis are Lyme road north, Lyme road south, Frank road and Harbour road.

Many suggestions were made by the group of attendees at the well-attended meeting on what Neighbourhood Watch can do to help combat crime in the area, and to collaborate more fully with the SAPS, the St Francis Community Forum and street committees.

It was reported that Humansdorp neighbourhood watch joins with the Humansdorp security companies and Humansdorp SAPS in joint planned operations once a week, foreg between 12 and 3 am.

The SAPS liaison will look into the possibilities available.

To celebrate Neighbourhood Watch's first birthday a cheese and wine will be held on 29 September at the Bowling Club. The meeting elected the following officials officially: Chairman, Barry Wild; Vice Chair, Phillip van Heerden; Secretary, Emma Platt; SAPS liaison, Dave Judnick.

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