

# Learner robs woman off cell

A seventeen-year-old Grade 10 learner was arrested by members of a local security company after he allegedly stole a cellphone from a female in Temple Valley.

Officers were called out to the scene after receiving a call from a resident in the area, requesting assistance for the victim. Upon arrival they were informed that the suspect had approached the vic-

tim and robbed her of her cellphone. He then fled the scene on foot.

The victim provided members with a detailed clothing description of the suspect. They con-



ducted an extensive search of the area and apprehended the suspect as he was fleeing up Petunia Drive.

Upon searching the suspect, the stolen cellphone was found in his possession. During an interview the teenager admitted to robbing the woman.

He claimed that he was going to sell the phone and use the money to take a taxi to his home in Ndwedwe.

# Tool theft accused nailed

A twenty-six-year-old man was released on bail of R1 500 after he was caught with items suspected to be stolen.

According to court papers, Deron Pillay was walking on the road when he was stopped by SAPS members, who were doing their crime-prevention duties. The police approached and requested to search him, to which he consented. Upon their search, the law enforcers found various tools in the suspect's bag.

Pillay allegedly failed to explain to the police who the items belonged to. He was arrested and conveyed to the local police station, where he was formally charged.

In a bid to get bail, Pillay prepared a sworn statement, which was read by his defence lawyer, Mr Chetty from Legal Aid South Africa. Chetty submitted that his client was employed and took care of his young family. Chetty explained that the Phoenix resident was a first-time offender as he had no previous conviction or any pending cases. Pillay had no travelling documents, which meant he was not a flight risk and could not abscond trial.

He did not intend to interfere with the police investigations and was also willing to abide by any bail conditions set by the court. The public defender

suggested that his client be released on warning as he had no money for bail since his family was not informed of his arrest.

The state prosecutor, M Govender, did not oppose bail but suggested that R1 500 was suitable for Pillay's release.

In ruling, Magistrate Parshotam found that it was in the interest of justice to release the applicant on R1 500 bail. The magistrate adjourned the matter to 26 October 2017 for further investigations.

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# Bank break-in burglar shot dead

Last Thursday at approximately 03H45 SAPS Tongaat attended to a complaint of burglary at Nedbank and one suspect was fatally shot after he attacked police officers..

Communications Officer at the Verulam SAPS, Captain Henry Kisten said that SAPS Tongaat members needed backup when they responded to a business break-in in progress at the Nedbank in Tongaat, whereby the suspect was inside the premises.

“Constable S Shange, together with members, Constable F Qumba, responded immediately to the request. Constables Shange and Ramjewan, who is stationed at SAPS Tongaat members entered the premises and noticed the suspect, an unknown African male seated in kneeling position in side the premises”.

According to reports when the suspect noticed the police officers he got up and began to move backwards.

“At this point, Constable Ramjewan tried to arrest the suspect. But the suspect lunged forward with a screwdriver to attack him. Constable Shange reacted and shot the suspect once on the left side of his chest”, Captain Henry said.

A case of attempted murder is being investigated by Tongaat SAPS.

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