

Brothers and friends die in accident



Photo: Nikhiel Karamchand (17), Threshan Karamchand (23), Nathaniel Peters (17) and Akash Muganlall (23)

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 "The boy's father suffered a heart attack when he heard about his children. He was treated by paramedics and stabilized".

Hundreds of mourners gathered at three separate venues to attend the funeral services for the four friends on Monday. Family and friends and the community at large are still left devastated by the incident.

Police are investigating.

Maharaj and Kuzwayo win awards

Two prominent personalities from the KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Union, Proteas' player, Keshav Maharaj and administrator Sanelisiwe Kuzwayo, won awards at the recent KZN Sports Awards.

Kuzwayo, who is the Rural and Township Development Manager at the KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Union, took home the award for Administrator of the Year, while Maharaj claimed the Newcomer of the Year accolade.

Following his stellar opening season with the South African national team that resulted in him becoming a regular fixture in the Proteas test setup, Keshav Maharaj was another winner on the night when he bagged Newcomer of the Year.

The 27-year-old left-arm spinner beat fellow Hollywoodbets Dolphins' and Proteas' star, Andile Phehlukwayo as well as Cell C Sharks flyhalf and Springbok Curwin Bosch to the award and was humbled as well as appreciative that his hard work has led to



Photo: Current Hollywoodbets Dolphins' and Proteas' star, Keshav Maharaj, beat off some stiff competition to win Newcomer of the Year at the recent KZN Sports Awards.

some recognition. "To receive this award after coming up against some serious contenders is a great feeling", Maharaj said.

"I feel blessed to be recognised in the first place but to win the award was terrific. I was really happy with how things panned

out for me last season and it is an honour to be recognised by your province for your achievements", he said. For 10 years Kuzwayo has been heavily involved in organising the annual KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Union, KZN Department of Sport and Recreation and Sunfoil Township Schools

Tournament at Hilton College. The annual KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Union, KZN Department of Sport and Recreation and Sunfoil Township Schools Tournament has grown immensely in the past ten years and Kuzwayo believes that their goal is to maintain this



Photo: Rural and Township Development Manager at the KwaZulu-Natal Cricket Union, Sanelisiwe Kuzwayo, claimed the coveted Administrator of the Year award at the recent KZN Sports Awards.

Along with Keshav, Andile Phehlukwayo, Imran Tahir, Denisha Devnarain and Chloe Tryon were all nominated in the Sports Personality of the Year category which was won by Comrades Marathon winner Bongumusa Mthembu.

Addict sentenced to suspended term

Seelan Reddy was convicted and sentenced to pay R6 000 as a fine or face spending six months behind bars for heroin possession.

The thirty-eight-year-old Phoenix resident was facing two counts of heroin possession after he was caught with the illegal drugs on two separate occasions. According to the charge sheet, members of the Phoenix

SAPS were doing their stop-and-search duties in Foresthaven Drive, Phoenix, when they caught Reddy with the drugs. He was arrested and charged for the crime. After being released on bail, Reddy was caught, yet again, with another small quantity of heroin capsules in Hannaford Drive, Phoenix. In his plea-of-guilt-supporting statement, the accused explained that he

was addicted to drugs, hence his repeated arrests. Magistrate Parshotam found him guilty as charged.

In mitigation, the defence lawyer, Mr Mncube from Legal Aid South Africa submitted that his client had pleaded guilty to the crime, which he described as a sign of remorse. Mncube argued that the unemployed drug addict had no money for a fine.

The public defender suggested that a wholly suspended sentence was suitable for Reddy's offence as he had already spent time in custody. However, the state prosecutor, Mr Dlamini had other ideas for Reddy's sentencing. Dlamini suggested a hefty fine as the offence against Reddy was serious and prevalent. It also did not sit down well with the prosecutor that Reddy had committed the offence while he was released on bail.

In handing down the sentence, Parshotam considered Reddy's plea of guilty, the seriousness of the offence and the interest of society. The magistrate sentenced the offender to pay a R6 000 fine or spend six months in jail. The sentence was suspended for five years on condition that Reddy is not convicted of a similar offence during the period of the suspensio.

The convicted drug smoker was declared unfit to possess a firearm and his drugs were forfeited to the state. Both counts were taken as one for sentencing purposes.

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