

MIDDLEMAN JAILED

Car theft, murder: guilty plea

Francesca Villette

THE middleman in a car theft and the murder of a police officer has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment after pleading guilty yesterday.

Mzwondeleli Dasheka, 32, admitted he was asked to find a buyer for a car for which Milnerton Warrant Officer Dion Dumas was strangled in Atlantis last year.

Dasheka was one of six people involved in the incident. The others, Naydene Hill, Margerette van Wyk, Thobinca Mdtshane, Mateo Nero, and a 15-year-old who cannot be named, will appear in court on Tuesday.

Dasheka's plea before the Western Cape High Court yesterday read: "The (other five) accused arrived at my house in Witsands, Atlantis, with a white BMW... on December 24 last year. I admit that all the accused were in the vehicle and accused 5 was driving. I admit that all the accused asked me to assist to get a buyer."

He knew the car might be stolen because he knew the driver "very well" and he did not have a car, read his plea.

"I admit that we approached

a buyer but he only wanted a car part and we did not succeed in selling (the) vehicle and drove back to Atlantis. I admit that en route to Atlantis accused 5 confirmed my suspicions by telling me it was a stolen vehicle... they did not tell me the circumstances as to how they took possession of the vehicle."

Dasheka was arrested on December 27.

Duma's brothers, Willem and André, were consulted by the State about the plea and said they were satisfied with it.

National Prosecuting Authority spokesperson Eric Ntabazalila said they welcomed the sentence. "This is a beginning of a trial where a police officer was killed last December. We hope this sentence sends out a message that even those who were not involved in the commission of a crime but received stolen property will serve jail."

"This is a first-time offender and we hope he will learn a lesson from this sentence."

"The matter will continue in court next Tuesday when the three men, including the juvenile, and the two sex workers will appear in court," Ntabazalila said.

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UNDER CONTROL: The South African National Defence Force assisted with firefighting in the Camps Bay area, on the slopes of Table Mountain. Two South African Air Force Oryx helicopters were dispatched to combat the run-away fires in the Bakoven area above the 12 Apostles Hotel. The helicopters managed to deliver 42 Bambi Buckets with each carrying 2 500 litres of water.

Picture: DEVIN TRULL

MEC gives matric hopefuls a stern warning

Staff Writer

CHEATING can result in being banned from writing the National Senior Certificate (NSC) for up to three years and criminal prosecution could be imposed should it be found that a pupil is involved in leaking any examination question paper.

Western Cape Education MEC Debbie Schäfer yesterday warned matriculants against cheating in the upcoming final examinations. This year 51 987 full-time

candidates and 13 912 part-time candidates have registered for the NSC in the Western Cape.

Some will start with their first paper on Monday, tackling practical examinations in Computer Application Technology (CAT).

The vast majority of matrics will start on October 24 with English home language, and first and second additional language.

Schäfer visited Intshukumo Secondary School in Gugulethu yesterday, where 158 mat-

ric pupils took part in a voluntary pledge-signing ceremony to show their commitment to complying with all rules and regulations relevant to the NSC exams.

The pledge states that the candidate will uphold the principles of honesty and integrity in the examination by not participating in any wrongdoing. The provincial education department has employed 1 370 invigilators at the 462 exam centres.

"The results of a candidate found with crib notes

or carrying any electronic devices can be declared null and void. When the candidate's results are declared null and void, the result for the specific subject is marked as irregular but the candidate will receive results for the other subjects as well as a letter informing the candidate about the irregularity that occurred and the sanction imposed," Schäfer said.

The pupil will not receive a NCS until she/he re-writes the subject and applies for a combination of results.

Avian flu: 2.5 million chicks, ducks culled

Lisa Isaacs

SINCE the outbreak of Avian flu was first confirmed in the province in August, 2.5 million chickens and ducks have been culled, while the number of confirmed cases has risen to 50.

Economic Opportunities MEC Alan Winde said he was advised this week that the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Daff) is still considering the industry's application for vaccination.

The department is also finalising discussions on possible financial support. Officials will also be briefing the cabinet next week on the impact of the drought and avian flu on agriculture.

"This is a difficult time for our poultry industry. Some farmers are faced with the possibility of having to close down their businesses."

"Workers are worried about their livelihoods and being able to provide for their families," said Winde.

"We know the impact on food security is also likely to be significant. This is why we are committed to working with Daff and the industry to save our poultry industry."

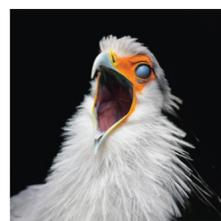
The disease was spreading rapidly despite increased control measures, he said.

"Many farmers have been proactive with testing their broods for early detection of AI and culling them quickly in response to positive tests."

"Some of the farmers have also put down lime around their properties to try and prevent the virus from spreading."

Winde dismissed messages on social media that a local retailer had pulled eggs from stock due to an outbreak of the flu.

At World of Birds, the lar-



RUFFLED: World of Birds in Hout Bay is fighting the disease and beginning to see positive results.

Picture: EPA-EFE

gest bird park in Africa with more than 3 000 species, manager and co-owner Hendrik Louw said the park was fighting the disease and beginning to see positive results.

"We've learnt more about the influenza and how to deal with it. We haven't had any birds dying in eight or nine days," Louw said.

Almost 200 birds had been culled at the facility.

"We have lost a blue crane already and we've taken samples of our other blue cranes."

"Of the birds tested, one blue crane and one black swan have tested positive. They are still alive."

Louw said they are being held in quarantined areas where the public is not allowed, except for three staff members who care for them.

"We have seen a drop in people coming to the facility even though humans cannot get the virus," Louw said.

"I've been in the park for 23 years and this is the first time we've had to deal with something like this."

"State vets have assisted us wonderfully through this," he said.

Outrage over the robbery of cyclist at gunpoint

Staff Writer

THE Pedal Power Association (PPA) has reacted with outrage after a Manenberg cyclist was held at gunpoint and robbed of his bicycle while riding on Jan Smuts Drive near Hanover Park yesterday.

Isaac Fisher, a member of the Team MC2 Cycling Club, was cycling to work when three men held him at gunpoint in yesterday's morning peak-hour traffic.

A traumatised Fisher told the Cape Times his assailants fled to Hanover Park with the

bicycle. "I couldn't do anything. There were three of them and two had guns, the other one just grabbed the bike," he said.

The incident comes less than a week after Jafmed Pharmacy owner Abdullah Jaffar and fellow cyclists were robbed of their bikes by a group armed with pangas and knives on Jan Smuts Drive near Langa on Sunday.

PPA chairperson Rens Rezelman said: "We were appalled to hear of a group of cyclists out training last weekend out training last weekend who were attacked by five panga-wielding criminals. We

Incident comes after knife and panga-wielding attack on group

have also seen acts of criminals driving past cyclists on quiet, pre-dawn roads and forcing riders off their bicycles.

"Unfortunately PPA is not in a position to police the roads to ensure safety of cyclists."

"This is a greater societal issue that should be getting attention at a national level. We also urge the SAPS and Metro police to respond quickly to emergency calls made by cyclists."

Mastermind with the master plan

Siyavuya Mzantsi

FAIRBAIRN College Grade 10 pupil Taariq Mowzer has been crowned the winner of the 34th South African Computer Programming Olympiad.

The 16 year old competed against 12 other finalists and spent two days writing six problem-solving computer programs.

His solution to the the Mastermind problem gave him the edge to win the prestigious Standard Bank Trophy and a gold medal. Following Mowzer in second place was Stellenbosch High Grade 11 pupil Tian Cilliers and Ralph McDougall, a Grade 11 pupil from Curro

Durbanville. King David Victory Park (Gauteng) Grade 12 pupil Jordan Arenstein along with Woodridge College (Eastern Cape) Grade 12 pupil Donal Davies and Parklands College matric pupil Emile Tredoux shared the third place.

A total of 227 schools from all nine provinces participated in the first round.

Yesterday Mowzer said: "I was quite overjoyed when I found out that I came first in the competition."

"I was told afterwards that I only took the lead in the last 15 minutes of the Day 2 paper."

"I've known how to program for a while now, so the training

for the Olympiad equated to learning algorithms and implementing them quickly.

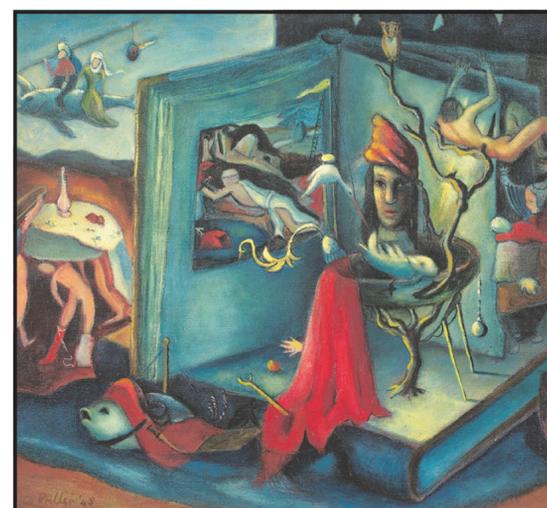
"Luckily the week before the Olympiad was the school holidays; in which I did a five-hour paper every day. The competition was challenging but fun overall."

"I hope to participate and do well again next year."

Computer scientist and author of 16 books on computer languages Dr Judith Bishop was a guest speaker at the awards ceremony.



PROBLEM SOLVED: Fairbairn College Grade 10 pupil Taariq Mowzer and Standard Bank head of investment banking technology Nicole Borges at the South African Computer Programming Olympiad award ceremony.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Kalk Bay and St James SRA NPC will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) as follows:

Date: 7 November 2017
Time: 20:00
Venue: Community Centre, Main Road, Kalk Bay

All stakeholders are invited to a review of the year's activities and planning for 2018/19.

Resolutions presented at the AGM may only be voted on by bona fide members of the company. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of properties in our SRA area, but they must be registered before 24 October 2017.

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