

# 12-YEAR OLD DROWNED

**Brits** – Police in the North West are investigating the drowning of a 12-year old boy from Brits in the Damonsville Dam. Onthathile Mogape's body was found in the dam on Friday 27 September, five days after he had last been seen playing soccer at the Damonsville sports grounds with friends.

Police spokesperson Adelé Myburgh told *Platinum Weekly*: "The theory at this stage is that the boy, a learner at Damons Primary School, attempted to swim and drowned." Investigations into the incident are not yet completed. We extend our sincerest condolences to the parents, family and friends of Onthathile.

# MURDER SUSPECT FOUND DEAD

**Mahikeng** – A 33-year old man, who was a suspect in the murder of his 3-year old stepson, was found dead in Moletsamongwe village near Mahikeng on Thursday 26 September. The stepfather's body was found in an abandoned vehicle. The murder of the boy came to light after his body was found in Bokone village, outside Mahikeng. Police spokesperson colonel Adéle



Myburgh said the brother of the 3-year old also sustained serious injuries during the attack and was rushed to hospital. "According to information available at this stage, the children's stepfather allegedly stabbed them both and fled the scene in a brown Honda Ballade," she added. Police investigations indicate that the man could possibly have taken his own life.

# FORMER COP JAILED FOR COCAINE SMUGGLING

**NW** – A former police constable was sentenced to 35 years in prison on Thursday 19 September, for her role in the smuggling of cocaine from Brazil to South Africa from 2007 to 2009.

Dolly Nkosi (45), who was stationed at the OR Tambo International Airport when the crimes were committed, was sentenced by the Johannesburg High Court. She will serve 15 years for racketeering and 20 for dealing in cocaine.

Hawks spokesperson for the North West, captain Tlangelani Rikhotso, said Dolly was recruited into a drug syndicate and established direct communication lines with the Brazilian-based kingpin to facilitate the smuggling of cocaine from Brazil to South Africa.

"An intelligence driven operation by the Hawks in November 2009 resulted in her arrest at

the airport. The kingpin and the syndicate members were also arrested in different towns around Johannesburg. Cocaine worth approximately R4 million was seized," she said. Vehicles, ammunition, passports, a police hand radio and a large amount of cash was also seized during the arrests.

Dolly and the other suspects appeared before court and were each released on R15,000 bail.

"Pedro Chinedy Odoemenam (46) and Obi Kingsley Odoemenam (39) evaded trial and have been on SAPS' wanted list since then," Tlangelani said.

**The Hawks are requesting anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the two suspects to contact constable Justice Thatelo on 071 481 2777.**



Pedro Chinedy Odoemenam (pictured) is wanted by the Hawks.

# ILLEGAL USE OF SASSA BRAND

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) is distressed by unscrupulous shop owners who illegally use its name to target social grants beneficiaries. In certain recent instances, beneficiaries fell prey to scammers.

SASSA's management team strongly disassociates itself from this illegal practice and warns perpetrators to immediately refrain from using its name, remove, pull, retract and/or destroy all posters, which has SASSA's logo and/or name. Failing in doing so could result in legal steps.

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