

NEWS FLASHES

KIMBERLEY The police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a man after his body was found lying in the veld behind the NG Bakenskop church in Carters Glen.

The man, who is believed to be between the ages of 50 and 60 years, was found dead by workers employed at the church.

The man was wearing black jeans, a blue T-shirt and blue sneakers and had tattoos on his arms.

A number of empty and unopened beer bottles, as well as open packets of prescription medication and pills, including medication for high blood pressure, were found on the scene.

Members of the public said the deceased was regularly seen walking around in the area, going from house to house asking for food.

Police spokesperson, Captain Sergio Kock, said the police had opened an inquest into the man's death.

"An autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death. No foul play is suspected at this stage."

He said the body was discovered by a passer-by in the veld in Carters Glen on Friday, at about noon.

"A formal identification of the deceased must still be done by his next of kin, therefore his name cannot be released."

Anyone who might have information relating to the incident is requested to contact the investigating officer, Pam Mfaro, on 082 302 0407.

KIMBERLEY Sol Plaatje Municipality will be implementing stage one water restrictions in the city to manage low water levels and high consumption.

Sol Plaatje spokesperson Sello Matsie said yesterday that the water supply was still being cut from 8pm until 4.30am on weekdays and from 8pm until 5am over weekends.

He explained that the low water pressure was due to water leaks that they were "busy attending to".

Matsie said that water leaks were repaired in Herlear and in town last week, where the water supply had to be cut.

Meanwhile, Eskom yesterday indicated that it had started stage one rotational load shedding (geysers) from 12.15pm until 10pm.

Eskom said load shedding was necessary to preserve resources because of low coal supplies and breakdowns experienced at power stations across the country.

KURUMAN The SAPS Kuruman Trio Task Team arrested three men for being in possession of a vehicle that was hijacked in Pampierstad in July.

Police spokesperson, Captain

Sergio Kock, said the police pursued the men who were travelling in a suspicious looking vehicle in Kuruman on Friday at about midnight. They allegedly shot at the police and neighbourhood watch members.

He said the suspects abandoned the white Toyota Corolla they were travelling in and fled on foot into the veld along the N14. He said three of the five male suspects were arrested by the police.

Kock added that the police are also looking at the possible involvement of the suspects in a house robbery that took place in Kuruman in August.

He requested anyone with information about the incident and the whereabouts of the other two male suspects to contact Detective Captain Victor Mabena on 063 691 1089.

The police have warned the public not to approach the suspects as they are assumed to be armed and dangerous. The investigation continues.

KIMBERLEY A 27-year-old man was arrested on charges of being in possession of drugs following a high-speed chase on the N12 on November 15.

Police spokesperson, Captain Olebogeng Tawana, said the suspect, who was carrying a plastic bag, fled when he saw the police approaching him.

He said the police found 199 full mandrax tablets, two half mandrax tablets and four quarters of mandrax tablets with an estimated street value of R12 000 when they searched the plastic bag that the suspect had dropped during the chase.

Tawana said the suspect was pinned down and arrested and would appear before the Kimberley Magistrate's Court soon.

KIMBERLEY The Northern Cape Economic Development, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency reported a case of cable theft last week after they noticed that the air conditioner at the Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre was out of order.

The manager of the centre, Owen Coetzee, said the cables were stolen from the roof of the centre and extensive damage was caused to the relay switch of the air conditioner.

He believed that professional thieves were involved in the incident as they survived the danger of being shocked by 400 volts of electricity.

Coetzee added that they had 24-hour security at the centre.

He stated that a quote for an assessment of the damages had been obtained and would be forwarded to the Department of Roads and Public Works,

Tawana said the police were investigating a case of theft.