

From frying pan into fire, that's 'naughty boy' Krejcir

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RADOVAN Krejcir is "a very naughty boy. He finds ways of hiding things everywhere. In an electrical plug, in his exercise bike, in his treadmill and even in a frying pan. He is very resourceful."

This is according to advocate Marumo Moerane SC, who opposed as a "wish list" demands Krejcir had presented to the high court in Pretoria.

His demands included access to several specialists – an oncologist, a urologist and a psychiatrist – as well as a dentist.

It also emerged that since being in jail, he has been a lonely man, as he is kept away from other prisoners. To add to his woes, he is now locked up in solitary confinement at Zonderwater prison near Cullinan. His television set, which kept him company during his lonely times, has been confiscated by prison authorities following a recent raid on his cell.

Judge Joseph Raulinga was told that he would dearly love to have the TV back.

He also wants access to his medication for insomnia, anxiety attacks and depression.

These are apparently locked up in his cell, which has been declared a "crime scene" following the recent raid during which an alleged plot to escape was uncovered.

Several items were found during the raid, including a loaded 9mm pistol and two magazines each loaded with 50 rounds. According to Moerane, there was even a live round in the chamber of the pistol, ready to fire.

Krejcir admitted that the "contraband items" – such as cellphones and batteries – belonged to him, but he maintained that the gun had been

planted in his cell.

He also admitted he had a screwdriver, but said he used it to adjust his exercise bike.

But Judge Raulinga was told that more illegal items were found in the cell this week, including more cellphone batteries. These were hidden in electric plugs and even in his frying pan.

Moerane said Correctional Services handed back his frying pan when it was first confiscated, so that he could heat up his food. But it was now discovered that he used this as a hiding place.

Moerane said one wondered where he got the items from in the first place. Judge Raulinga responded that "this is the million-dollar question".

Moerane denied that Krejcir was being denied access to specialists. He said Krejcir wanted to see a urologist "for an enlarged testicle", and an oncologist because he complained of "bumps on his body".

But the department first wanted to establish whether these specialists were aboard and not part of an escape plot, Moerane said.

Judgment was reserved.



IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT: Radovan Krejcir has submitted a long list of his needs to the court.

PICTURE: ANTOINE DE RAS



Zuma pays tribute to actor Moeti

PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma has conveyed his condolences to the family of actor Sammy Moeti, who died on Monday after a long illness. Hailing him as one of South Africa's finest actors, Zuma said: "It is a sad period in our entertainment industry to lose someone of Mr Moeti's calibre, who was not only an accomplished and talented actor but also a popular cultural activist. We wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the entire arts and culture industry. May his soul rest in peace." Moeti played medicine man Vho-Mushana on the much-acclaimed Tshivena television drama series *Muvhango*. He also acted in the South African movie *Ekwilani* as the mad man Madwara. – ANA

Molesting of girl latest in string of cop crimes

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THE INDEPENDENT Police Investigative Directorate (Ipid) is investigating whether a police officer arrested for allegedly raping his neighbour's 13-year-old daughter has been involved in other crimes.

The warrant officer, 46, who is based at Mondeor police station in Joburg, allegedly raped the teen on Tuesday. She is the daughter of one of the man's colleagues. The girl's mother had sent her to the accused's house, where she was raped.

"His colleague's wife was helping him after his wife left him. She was ironing his shirts and she sent her daughter over to give him the ironed shirts when it happened," Ipid spokeswoman Grace Langa said.

The officer was arrested in the early hours of yesterday.

"The officer's daughter has been staying with him and we are investigating whether he abused her too," Langa said.

The suspect was expected to appear in the Vosloorus Magistrate's Court today.

Earlier this week, an officer from Florida police station in Roodepoort was arrested after "accidentally" shooting his wife in the face.

Last month, a police officer shot his wife and turned the gun on himself at the Tshwane Police Training College.

Also last month, in Pretoria West, a police officer shot and killed his wife and daughter after an argument.

Langa appealed to the police to do more in their investigations of domestic abuse. "It is also up to the police to do mental assessments and look into how they hire police officers."

Lisa Vetten, an associate at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, said there was a fair degree of criminality within the SAPS.



SHOW OF STRENGTH: Wits students closed access to all the university's entrances to object to the increase in fees. They argue that the institution is making it unaffordable for people from historically disadvantaged backgrounds to study.

PICTURE: BHEKIKHAYA MABASO

Irate students bring Wits to a standstill

KATE MORRISSEY AND TEBOGO MONAMA

Double-digit fee increases behind disruption of lectures

ANGRY Wits University students shut down the campus yesterday and declared its grounds a "no in, no out" zone in protest against the increase in tuition fees.

Classes and other academic activities were suspended as a crowd of students moved through lecture halls chanting songs condemning the increase. They said the hike would prevent students who came from lower-income families from accessing higher education.

"This is not a protest – it's a shutdown," said Mcebisi Dlamini, the former student representative council (SRC) president, addressing hundreds of students in a hall outside the student enrolment centre.

The students had blocked all entrances and exits. "We're going to shut down Wits until management comes and says there's no fee increase," said Dlamini.

Nompundulo Mkhathshwa, the president-elect of the SRC, said

the management should remember that the institution belonged to the students.

The crowd grew bigger as more students joined in. The morning had started with fewer than 100 students guarding the gates. The group began winding through buildings on the west side of campus before they burst into lecture halls, singing and stomping as they disrupted lectures.

Some students ignored the procession of demonstrators but others joined in.

By 11.30am, the crowd had swelled to well over 500 people. Some of Wits's staff also joined in, singing, chanting and dancing their way through the campus.

A woman hoisted a placard with the message "Being poor cost me my future".

A few of the buildings bore the marks of the protest. One

lectern in a hallway had been tagged "Do not submit. Revolt", and someone had painted "Lynch Habib" on the side of College House. Professor Adam Habib is the vice-chancellor.

University spokesman Shirona Patel said no one was injured.

"Aside from one altercation and the vandalism of some classes overnight, no violence has been reported," she said, adding that the protest was illegal as it violated the rules.

"While the university recognises that students have a right to protest, this cannot happen at the expense of the rights of students and staff members to learn and work in a safe environment," Patel said.

Wits chief financial officer Linda Jarvis said the increase in fees was necessary because of the cost of buying stationery items overseas and academic

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staff salary increases.

The university is increasing fees by 10.5 percent and registration fees by 6 percent.

Wits isn't the only institution increasing its fees by double digits. The University of Cape Town is also raising its fees – by 10.3 percent.

UCT spokeswoman Pat Lucas said the university council would propose a 13 percent

increase in student financial aid.

Higher Education spokesman Khaye Nkwanyana agreed with the students. "Institutions of higher learning sometimes raise their fees in ways that are exorbitant and serve as an exclusion mechanism for many students. This also means that students who are in the institutions default and are financially excluded," he said.

Rape accused gets bail as he is likely to go free

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A MAN accused of kidnapping and raping a teenager several times in Beuzidinhout Valley, Joburg, has been granted R2 000 bail, provided that he adheres to strict conditions.

"There is a strong chance that you may be acquitted, and under those circumstances it's appropriate that I grant you bail," magistrate Paul du Plessis said, addressing the accused in court yesterday.

This was after he read

the alleged rapist's affidavit during his bail application hearing.

The man was charged with three counts of rape and two of kidnapping after he allegedly abducted Maria*, 18, last month.

The magistrate ordered the accused to remain living at the same address; not to make any contact with the teenager or her family, even if it was through an intermediary; and to report to Jeppe police station on Mondays and Thursdays.

On Saturday, September 12,

the man allegedly approached the teenager and choked her until she lost consciousness.

It is alleged that when she woke up, the teenager found herself in an unfamiliar room. Her captor allegedly spent the next day-and-a-half raping her and cutting her with a knife when she tried to resist.

When he eventually let Maria leave the room in the early hours of that Monday morning, she was at first too afraid to approach the police because he had threatened to kill her and her family if she

ever spoke about the incident. Maria's mother helped the police capture the 23-year-old suspect, after inviting him and his parents to her home through a ruse that she would drop the charges.

When the man, who had been on the run for more than a week, arrived, she and her daughter contacted the police.

The case was postponed to next month for further investigation. – *Additional reporting by Shain Germaner*

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OBITUARY

Sisulus' activist son will be missed

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THE SISULU family are grieving the death of Mlungisi Sisulu, pictured, the second son of Walter and Albertina.

Mlungisi died on Tuesday at the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre in Joburg after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

He is survived by his wife Sheila, son Linda and daughters Nontsikelelo and Boitumelo.



"Lungi's death is a great blow, coming as it does just three years after that of his brother Zwelakhe," a family statement read.

The office of the Presidency said: Mr Sisulu was an activist and later a businessman, who was involved in the ANC's underground structures, notably during the 1980s when he ran a small shop in Soweto, affectionately known as Shop 7."

Funeral arrangements are still to be announced.

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