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Police collaboration yields drug success

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VARIOUS police units worked together in an effort to curb the challenge of drugs, resulting in the arrest of a 44-year-old man in Maboloka village near Brits.

The man was arrested after he was found in possession of dagga worth about R15 000. It is suspected that the man was part of a larger problem of drug dealers in the area that police have been targeting.

Police spokesperson Lt-Col Pelonomi Makau said: "As part of an effort to curb the trafficking of drugs, a multi-disciplinary operation conducted at the weekend

led to the arrest of the man."

The police units were sweeping across the village looking for hotspots where drugs were known to be sold.

Makau said during the search, they found dagga in the accused's house.

"The suspect is expected to appear in the Brits Magistrate's Court.

We have been working very hard on ridding our streets of the scourge of drug dealers, even though this drug bust is for a relatively small amount of drugs it does show how our zero tolerance approach is working," Makau said.

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Illegal immigrants detained in joint operation

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A NUMBER of illegal immigrants were arrested after law enforcement agents conducted a combined operation in Klerksdorp on Tuesday.

Those arrested were said to be from Swaziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Ethiopia. The operation was carried out by the public safety's traffic department, the police, Hawks and department of home affairs.

City of Matlosana's assistant director at the traffic and safety department, Sheya Muntu, said officials had identified five hot spot areas together with other law enforcement officials that were targeted, including some areas in Jouberton township.

A police helicopter was also seen hovering overhead to provide support.

Muntu said the arrested suspects included four illegal immigrants.

"A total of 292 vehicles were stopped

during the operation and nine of those vehicles were unroadworthy, while six others were impounded," Muntu said.

"Meanwhile, 75 traffic fines were also issued and amounted to R57300."

North West Hawks spokesperson Capt Tlangelani Rikhotso confirmed participation in the operation as a way of stopping crime.

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CAUGHT: Illegal immigrants were arrested by the law. PICTURE: THYS MOKGWAETSE