

Public offers to up Grosskopf reward

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JOHANNESBURG. — The police's R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Mr Heinrich Grosskopf — South Africa's most wanted man — is likely to increase substantially if police decide to accept public donations.

Mr Grosskopf, 24, has been named as the person suspected to be responsible for the maiming last Thursday's bomb blast in Krugersdorp which killed three people and injured 20.

He has also been linked to last July's bomb blast outside Witwatersrand Command which injured 67 and is wanted for questioning in connection with last May's bomb blast which killed four and injured 15 outside Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

The reward for his capture increased to R54 000 after donations by members of the public last week.

However, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt Pierre Louw said the official reward still stood at R50 000 and would remain so till police headquarters decided on whether or not to accept public donations.



Mr Heinrich Grosskopf

A nationwide search was still on and random roadblocks would be erected throughout SA.

Despite the R50 000 reward offered by police for information leading to his arrest, the 24-year-old Mr Grosskopf was still free last night.

However, police predicted that — for R50 000 — one of his own African Nationalist Congress (ANC) comrades might even

"shop" him.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday issued a "serious warning" to individuals and organizations not to take the law into their own hands.

He was reacting to a report in yesterday's Cape Times which quoted Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) spokesman Mr 'P W' Bingle as saying that the organization's "security unit" had joined the hunt for Mr Grosskopf.

"If the AWB has any information, it is their duty to make it known to the South African Police as thousands of individuals already have.

"It cannot be emphasized enough that the police will not allow any person to take the law into his own hands.

"Although it is the moral duty of every member of the public to assist the police with information and to be vigilant and prepared, it is still the statutory task of the police to maintain law and order.

"Information that could lead to the arrest of people like Mr Grosskopf will be welcomed — whatever the source may be," he said.