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Speedy action by two netted rocket launcher

SPEEDY action and clear thinking by two policemen forced the terrorists who attacked Voortrekkerhoogte on Thursday night to leave a rocket launcher behind.

About seven terrorists are believed to have been involved in the rocket attack, the Sunday Express was told at a Press conference in Pretoria yesterday.

Four rockets were fired from Laudium about 4km from Voortrekkerhoogte and a teenager was wounded when three of the terrorists made their escape.

Sergeant Hennie Pieterse and Constable Johann Otto said that at about 10.45pm they were told to investigate a shooting incident in Laudium, an Indian township near Pretoria.

Sgt Pieterse said he and Cnst Otto had just taken a drunk to Erasmusia police station and were returning to Laudium when they got the call.

He said: "When we arrived at the scene of the shooting, residents told us that four black men in a blue bakkie had escaped into the veld."

He said they first drove into the veld but then decided to investigate on foot.

While they were looking for clues they were fired upon.

POLICE WERE SHOT AT IN VELD

SAVVAS GEORGIADIS

"I heard the bullets whistling over our heads. We dropped to the ground but did not return the fire because there were innocent people on the street.

"I did not have time to feel scared. All I thought of was to get the men before they injured someone.

"We drew our pistols and headed in the direction from where the shots were fired but the terrorist had disappeared."

The two policemen then told the residents to return to their houses, to switch off their lights and bolt the doors.

They also arranged for the teenager who had been wounded to be taken to hospital.

Sgt Pieterse radioed for assistance and 15 minutes later police from various stations near the area rushed to the scene and cordoned off the area.

A specialised police unit with dogs searched the area. Spent AK47 cartridges and 9mm cartridges were found as well as a AK47 magazine.

While the dogs searched for tracks of three terrorists believed to have escaped on foot Sgt Pieterse and Cnst Otto returned to where the bakkie was said to have disappeared.

Cnst Otto spotted the rocket launcher and a battery operated night-sight.

"The launcher was folded and appeared to have been left behind in their haste to escape," Sgt Pieterse said.

Sgt Pieterse reported their find to the specialised police unit and at 4am left the scene.

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