

More babies dumped

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Two babies were found dumped in the same street in Asanda Village, Lwandle, within a day of each other.

Lwandle police spokesperson Sergeant Mthokosizi Gama said a dog was spotted with a foetus in its mouth in Magatya Street at 06:40 on Tuesday 1 December.

"We were alerted to the find by the community members," Gama said.

He added that it was a 12-week-old foetus.

Another gruesome discovery was made the following morning, when the body of a newborn was found on a dump on the corner of Magatya and Saphepha streets at 11:30. The dump had been set alight.

Gama said the corpse was found beside a red bag and navy cloth, with a smouldering tyre nearby.

"We suspect the child was already dead when it was placed there," Gama said.

Bystander Beauty Tsuluba said she passed the dump about 10:00 on her way to a local supermarket and noticed nothing.

She said a crowd had gathered when she returned an hour later. Tsuluba said the naked baby was lying among household waste. "The leg of the baby was partially burnt," she said.

The mother of a four-year-old girl and seven-month-old boy, insists there are alternatives to dumping a baby.

Sandy Immelman of the Helderberg Baby Saver, established in August 2014, says too few people are aware of the existence of the facility at the Choices Crisis Pregnancy Centre in Somerset West.

She believes awareness campaigns at high schools and youth groups would be helpful in preventing the dumping of babies.

"Strict adoption laws also make saving babies more difficult as minors need the consent from a parent or guardian to have the child adopted," she says. For further details,



The body of a newborn lies on a dump in Asanda Village last Tuesday, covered with a towel.

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Lwandle police is offering a reward to anyone with positive information leading to arrests. Phone Captain Andries Geldenhuys on 021 845 2060 or 082 469 7719.