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Attacks on Women in Kehl

Police are looking for an unknown cyclist

Kehl (red/sti). The Kehl police report two sexual assaults on women.

The first incident occurred on Thursday. A woman was riding her bike on the main road toward Sundheim shortly after 6 a.m. According to police, she was almost hit by a cyclist near Söllingstraße.

The woman was able to avoid the collision, and the man continued cycling toward Neumühl. "Shortly before the Kinzig Bridge, the man caught up with her again," the police wrote. He forced her to stop and demanded sexual acts from her.

At the same time he blocked her path.

The woman managed to escape anyway and alerted a female driver to the scene. The man then took to his heels and fled down a nearby farm road toward Willstätt.

The man is described as follows: 20 to 25 years old, 170 to 175 centimeters tall.

He was wearing a black hoodie and dark pants. The mountain bike was painted black and appeared to be in mint condition.

The police have ruled out a connection to a similar incident that has only just come to light last

This Monday around 10 p.m., four young women were cycling along the Ringstrasse, just a few hundred meters from the current crime scene. Near the cemetery, the last of the four women was suddenly stopped by a man who approached from behind on a mountain bike. There was even physical contact.

However, the man fled because the woman resisted and called for help.

The police are asking for information regarding the identity of the person depicted in the composite sketch. Please call 078 51/8930.



The police are using this phantom image to search for the unknown person.

Graphic: Police

Shortly

Relationships from a neurological perspective

Kehl (red/sti). The lecture "Social Brain – Interpersonal Relationships from the Brain's Perspective" will take place on Wednesday, September 26, at Kehl University. Why are people willing to cooperate? And which neurobiological mechanisms enable people to intuitively understand each other and feel empathy for one another? The lecture is part of the "Future Questions" series and begins at 6 p.m. in the university's auditorium. The speaker is Joachim Bauer, a neurobiologist and physician at the University Hospital Freiburg. The lecture will be held in German with simultaneous translation into French. Admission is free.

With the biologist through the raised moor

Ortenau (red/sti). The Ruhstein Nature Conservation Center offers a 2.5-hour nature tour of the Hornisgrinde on Thursday, September 27th. The meeting point is at 10:15 a.m. at the Mummelsee parking lot. Biologist Marc Förschler will explain the animals and plants that live in a raised bog and the special features of the bog along the "Gründen Trail." In this pristine landscape, you can be enchanted by a very special atmosphere. Climbing the Bismarck Tower offers panoramic views.

Seniors activate their grey matter

Offenburg (red/sti). The Catholic Education Center in Offenburg is offering mental activation training for seniors starting Wednesday, September 26. Follow-up dates are on October 10, 17, and 24. Participants will meet at the Offenburg Education Center from 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. The speaker is Dorothea Kluckert from Nordrach. Registrations are accepted at the Catholic Education Center in Offenburg, 07 81/925040, where interested parties can also obtain further information about the seminar.

Grapes are quite something Ortenau

Care invites you to an herbal experience evening entitled "Grapes – for a berry-strong immune system" on Tuesday, September 25. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Offenburg Adventist Church, Seestraße 4. Registration is available at

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Proper behavior on the platform needs to be learned: Officers from the Mobile Control and Surveillance Unit in Stuttgart distributed flyers to schoolchildren as part of the "Safe Route to School" prevention campaign. Photo: Federal Police

Dangers often underestimated

"Safe Route to School" campaign: Federal Police informed about correct behavior on the platform

With a preventative campaign, the Federal Police want to help prevent children and young people from getting "run over" on their way to and from school. Yesterday, officers were active in the area of the Black Forest Railway.

By Michael Müller

Offenburg. "I once saw a child slip while boarding one morning and get stuck between the train and the platform," says Michaela Himmelsbach (19) about an incident at the Steinach train station. The child was lucky in his misfortune: other passengers managed to hoist the child back onto the platform in time.

Such incidents occur again and again on the

Train stations in the Ortenau district. Pushing and shoving are also not uncommon.

Reason enough for the Federal Police to launch their annual "Safe Route to School" prevention campaign. Yesterday, officers were active at the train stations along the Black Forest Railway between Offenburg and Haslach. They received reinforcements from the Mobile Control and

Monitoring unit (MKÜ) from Stuttgart.

Hectic on the way home

Everyone is in a hurry, everyone wants to be the first on the train. Some students even take the "shortcut" across the tracks to get to the correct platform, instead of taking the detour via the official underpass. Even on the way home, there is often a rush. "I often have to really

rushing to catch my connecting train," says Stefanie Mußler (18), who attends high school in Lahr and lives in Oberkirch-Haslach. It's not uncommon for children to undergo dubious "tests of courage" on the platform, says Alfons König, prevention officer for the Federal Police – something along the lines of: Who dares to stand closest to the edge of the platform when a train is coming?

The risk of falling or being pulled onto the tracks by the suction of an incoming train is high. Older people in particular often overestimate their own abilities and underestimate the danger, says Freimut Lusch, press spokesperson for the Federal Police.

To prevent serious accidents in the future, the officers ensured that

platforms ensured that everything was civilized and that fights

There were no accidents or property damage. And, of course, they also answered the students' questions and distributed informational flyers. "The younger ones in particular are very interested," says Dennis Kramer of the MKÜ, describing his observations. In any case, there were no serious incidents.

The "Safe Route to School" campaign is only one part of the Federal Police's prevention work. And what about the "half-life" of such campaigns? Haven't the students forgotten everything by the time the officers have disappeared? The long-term effect isn't statistically measurable, Freimut Lusch admits. But "something or other will certainly stick. And imagine if something really happened. Then everyone would immediately ask: Why wasn't any prevention work done?"

Podium gives the weak a voice

Discussion on the topic of "Sexual abuse – talking helps" in the Offenburg "Salmen"

Offenburger (sti). "Sexual Abuse – Talking Helps" is the title of a panel discussion on Monday, October 22, at Offenburg's "Salmen." It is under the patronage of Mayor Edith Schreiner and is organized by the association "Aufschrei! – Association Against Sexual Violence." The discussion begins at 8 p.m.

The panel includes Sibylle Laurischk, Isabelle Müller, Adolf Gallwitz, Klaus Michael Böhm, and Dagmar Stumpe-Blasel. Sibylle Laurischk is a member of the Bundestag (FDP), chair of the Committee on Family, Senior Citizens, Women, and Youth, and a lawyer in Offenburg.

Isabelle Müller comes from Unterreichenbach and is the author of the book "Phoenix Daughter." Adolf Gallwitz is a psychologist, professor at the Police Academy, and vice dean of the Villingen-Schwenningen Faculty of Social Sciences.

Klaus Michael Böhm is a judge at the Higher Regional Court of Karlsruhe and chairman of the Treatment Initiative, victim protection and prevention work with people prone to crime.

Dagmar Stumpe-Blasel works as a social worker and is a Gestalt and trauma counselor at the counseling center



Victims of sexual violence often remain silent. And the "Aufschrei!" (Outcry!) association wants to break this silence. Archive photo: dpa

"Outcry!" The association "Outcry!" was founded in 1990 and operates as a specialist counseling center against sexual violence and sexual abuse throughout the Ortenau district. The association is part of the Paritätische

Welfare association and is the provider of independent youth welfare services. The counseling team consists of qualified social pedagogues with therapeutic counseling training. The services offered include

Gender-specific counseling for those affected, their families, and institutions. "Aufschrei!" also offers prevention programs and continuing education courses.

The focus of the counseling provided by the "Aufschrei!" association is on the affected girls and boys, women and men. "It is particularly important to us to take them seriously," the helpers state. They are encouraged to discover their skills and supported in recognizing their own needs. They are encouraged to develop a self-determined path in dealing with their experience of sexualized violence.

Prevention focus

Because sexual abuse endangers the development of girls and boys, the association places great emphasis on prevention programs for children and young people. Schools and daycare centers, youth welfare services, and clubs provide a good platform for reaching children and young people in a reliable environment. In addition to empowering children, information and training for parents and educational professionals are also offered.

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