



## Press Release

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Half Ton Man** **Tuesday 16 May @ 8pm**

Almost fifty percent of adults and twenty five percent of children in this country are affected by obesity. With such alarming figures on the increase, South Africa is seen to be on par with countries such as the USA and the UK.

This week 3<sup>rd</sup> degree brings you a channel 4 documentary of the **HALF TON MAN** Patrick Deuel. A man weighing close to five hundred kilograms. Patrick was the world's largest man until he was forced to undergo a life saving gastric bypass. Despite all the effort and money that has gone into his treatment Patrick refuses to stop eating, knowing he will die if he continues.

The documentary follows the story of Patrick and his struggle to overcome his compulsion for food. This film also explains the science behind human obesity and the extreme physical stresses that being obese places on an individual, and on the people attempting to care for them.

Watch **Half Ton Man** on **3rd Degree**, Tuesday 16 May, only on **e!**

There is a picture available of the half ton man:

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