



## **Press Release**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Rush Hour** **Tuesday 30 January at 8pm**

#### A 3rd Degree exposé

“If I don’t smoke it I want to commit suicide.” These are the words of a twenty-year-old Chatsworth man addicted to ‘Sugars’. It’s a lethal concoction of heroin and Rattex.

Just off the N3 to Durban lies the sprawling, lesser known suburb of Chatsworth. Borne out of the Group Areas Act in the 60s, Indian families were forced into this neighbourhood and over the years have made it their own. It’s colourful, busy and close-knit.

But there is a scourge destroying the youth of Chatsworth. Teenagers are delving into a deep and sinister pastime....it’s called sugars and it’s their new drug of choice.

Third Degree exposes the underbelly of this new and horrifying drug trend. We talk to addicts who openly buy and smoke the drug on camera. A mother tells us of her anguish. She has lost everything...her addict son steals from her.

A seventeen-year-old girl talks frankly of her need to sell her body just to get that next high. A fourteen-year-old old drug dealer is arrested by the Metro Police.

'Sugars' is everywhere. A local youth centre have seen over 3 000 addicts in the past year. It's spiralling out of control and no one knows how to stop it.

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