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The story of BIG G

This Tuesday 3rd Degree looks at the story of South Africa's largest man, Gordon Hartley. Weighing a staggering 350 kilograms, Gordon is morbidly obese. His intake of food is enough to feed a family of five and doctors have said that he only has five years to live unless drastic action is taken.

He is in desperate need of gastric bypass surgery, a procedure that will reduce his stomach to the size of an egg, but as yet his medical aid has to come on board.

This fascinating and moving documentary explores Gordon's struggle to overcome his compulsion for food and his pressing need to survive.

Almost fifty percent of adults and twenty-five percent of children in this country are affected by obesity. With such alarming figures, South Africa is on a par with countries such as the USA and Canada. Obese people are high-risk candidates for diabetes and heart disease.

Third Degree speaks to medical experts about this alarming health crisis sweeping our nation and hear first hand stories from survivors who dramatically lost weight after undergoing gastric bypass operations.

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