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HONEYDEW SAPS CRIME BRIEF:

INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL ROBBERIES

Residential Robberies are currently showing an increase and residents are urged to look at their security, especially during the evenings when everyone is sleeping. Test your alarm system and panic buttons on a regular basis.

Townhouses and security complexes are still being targeted and in most of the house robbery incidents the suspects enter the units through the OPEN sliding doors. Sliding doors are still the biggest problem and easy entry into the residence. If you have sliding doors ensure that you install extra locks or "dead" bolts, as well as security gates, so that it makes it more difficult to gain access through these doors.

The suspects only take property that is easy to carry and lying around for example: laptops, cell phones, cameras etc. Kindly ensure that ALL your property is marked and can be traced back to the owner. When going to sleep try to put all your valuable property away and out of sight.

Please ensure that your doors and ALL your windows are closed and locked at night and that keys are removed out of the locks. Ensure that you know your physical address (street number, name and suburb) as well as your nearest street corner.

A ZERO TOLERANCE AGAINST DRUGS CONTINUES IN HONEYDEW THE PRECINCT

The Honeydew SAPS is sending out a stern warning to all drug suppliers, drug dealers and drug users that there is no place for them in the Honeydew SAPS Precinct. Honeydew SAPS has cleared two dagga plantations in the Precinct in the past week and these operations will continue.

During the first operation a dagga plantation was found in the Itsoseng area, hidden in the field between the long grass. Colonel Doc Ndlovu, the VISPOL Commander at the Honeydew SAPS said that due to the rain the dagga plants are growing at a tremendous speed and is it difficult for the producers to keep them hidden.

During the second operation members from Sector 3 were cleaning one of the greenbelts in the Wilgeheuwel area when they stumbled on a dagga plantation between the complexes. The area was cleaned and the dagga plants destroyed.

From the 1st of January until the 27th of January 2012 a total of 29 suspects were arrested in the Honeydew SAPS Precinct for dealing in or the possession of drugs.

HONEYDEW SUSPECTS TO ROT IN JAIL

Warrant Officer Werner Eksteen of the Honeydew Detectives secured major sentences and ensured that suspects will not be seeing the outside of their jail cells for a long time.

Details of the case dockets:

1. On 2008-12-18 three (3) suspects were arrested in the Sandton area. They were driving in a stolen vehicle, taken during a house robbery in the Honeydew area. The suspects were also in possession of a stolen firearm, taken in a house robbery in the Fairlands area. Warrant officer Eksteen took charge of the suspects and linked them through ID parades and other evidence to three house robberies and finally ensured a sentence in the Randburg regional court as follow:
 - Accused no 1, passed away in prison.
 - Accused no 2, sentenced to 18 years on the house robbery charges and a further 5 years for being in possession of an unlicensed firearm.
 - Accused no 3, sentenced to 33 years on the house robbery charges.

2. On 2008-10-27 five (5) suspects were arrested in a veld in Wilgeheuwel, and were in possession of two (2) firearms and stolen items. The case was booked out to Warrant Officer Eksteen, who linked the suspects to a House robbery and a housebreaking case in that area. The suspects were found guilty and sentenced in the Roodepoort magistrate's court: 15 years for the House Robbery, 3 years for the House breaking and 3 years for possession of an unlicensed firearm.
3. During May 2009 three (3) suspects were arrested for house robbery in the Cosmo City area. Warrant Officer Eksteen linked these suspects to three house robberies in this area. The suspects were juveniles at the time of their arrest were found guilty and sentenced: accused one – sentenced 10 years for house robbery, accused 2 was found not guilty and accused 3 was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

Warrant Officer Michael Erasmus secured a sentence for a residential burglary; two suspects were arrested in a house after breaking into the premises during July 2011. Accused no 1 was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment and accused no 2 was found guilty and sentenced to 3 months in a juvenile detention centre as he is still a minor.

Warrant Officer Victor Seeti (from the Honeydew Cluster Family Violence Child Protection and sexual offence unit) secured a sentence after his investigation into two cases of Rape and Robbery during 2010; the victims were attacked raped and robbed while walking in the street. One 33 year old suspect was arrested and found guilty on two charges of rape and robbery and sentenced to 40 (forty) years imprisonment.

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