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(MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATION COMMISSIONER)

Crime Brief - 16th November 2009

Herewith details regarding some of the reported incidents in the Honeydew Precinct during the past week:

House Robberies:

At about 02:20 the complainant was sleeping when three unknown males woke them up. The suspects were armed and ordered them to lie down on the bed. The suspects covered the complainant and his wife and ransacked the house. They took electrical equipment, clothing and jewellery and fled the scene. Nobody was injured and no shots fired.

About 12:30 the domestic worker went to collect mail from the postbox. A silver vehicle approached the complainant. Two unknown **FEMALES** got out of the vehicle and pointed her with a firearm. They then forced her into the house and a male also turned up with the two ladies. The two ladies assaulted the complainant (domestic worker) and the house was ransacked and laptops, cell phones and jewellery taken.

About 19:30 the complainant was busy cooking in the kitchen and suddenly she saw three unknown males standing next to her in the sitting room. The men were all armed and pointed her with a firearm and ordered her to sit down. They ransacked the house and took jewellery, clothes, cash and cell phones after which they drove off with the complainant's vehicle. No shots were fired and nobody sustained any injuries.

House Robbery and Attempted Murder: Harveston

At about 02:25 the complainant was sleeping in a Townhouse Complex, when she heard her son (39 years of age) screaming, from his room. She then went to his room and found three unknown men in her son's room. One of the suspects fired a shot wounding the son in the neck. The complainant ran to her son and the suspects got afraid and fled the scene managing only to take a plasma TV, a laptop and a cell phone. The son was taken to hospital where he is currently in a stable condition.

Business Robbery:

Two armed suspects entered a fast food outlet on Friday evening at about 20:45 asking for the prize of a pizza. The suspects then suddenly produced firearms and held up the staff and customers. The suspects took cash, cell phones and jewellery and fled the scene on foot.

Armed Robbery: Northgate Mall

Saturday at 11:10 the complainant and his friend arrived at the "Banking Parking" area at Northgate Mall to do banking. On their arrival they parked their vehicle and got out of the vehicle and were walking towards the banking entrance. Suddenly they noticed approximately six armed suspects walking towards them from different directions, all wearing blue overall jackets. Without warning the suspects started shooting towards

them. The complainant had his firearm with him and returned fire and the complainant and his friend took cover between parked vehicles in the parking area. The suspects ran and grabbed the bag containing the money that was going to be banked, and fled the scene continuing firing towards the complainant, his friend and security guards. They fled the scene in two vehicles with the undisclosed amount of money. Nobody was injured but several vehicles were damaged during the shoot out. Business owners are again urged to be very careful when doing banking. Change your routines, do not inform anyone when you are on your way to do the banking and please observe your surroundings at all time.

Warning to all residents who are attending gym classes or training sessions at gyms:

Numerous cases of theft were reported at different Gyms in the Precinct. In the latest incident the complainant parked his vehicle at approximately 19:30 in front of the gym. When he finished his training session at approximately 20:20 he could not find his vehicle's keys which were in his bag inside his locker. He went outside and noticed his vehicle had been stolen. Please ensure that you put extra safety measures in place when leaving your valuables in your locker.

Robbery common cases:

Entering the festive season we have had a lot of cases reported where the complainants were distracted and then robbed of belongings, sometimes without noticing it immediately. Residents are urged to be aware of your surroundings at all times. Make sure that your wallets, handbags etc. are always in your control and properly closed. Beware of strangers bumping into you or standing very close to you on an escalator.

Information phone:

Honeydew SAPS has instituted an information phone for residents who can phone with any information 24 hours. Residents can stay anonymous! The number is: 073 11 22 393.

Business Burglaries:

Business owners and managers are warned about the latest Modus Operandi of criminals in the Honeydew Precinct whereby suspects are entering the business through the roof. The alarm will be activated and the security company will react to the call and find nothing, but the criminals will already be in the shop. Please ensure again that your CCTV cameras are in a working condition and that your security company does regular patrols and also checks the back of your business and where possible the roof of the business.

Convictions:

- Detective Dikgang Pooe secured a sentence of Twelve years imprisonment after the completion of his investigation on a Culpable Homicide case. On 2009-02-07 at about 19:00 an argument ensued between an 88 year old victim (deceased) and a 38 year old suspect in Zandspruit Informal Settlement. The suspect assaulted the deceased and then went to Honeydew SAPS to open an assault case against the deceased. The detectives followed up the information and on arrival at the address they found the deceased. He had been beaten to death by the suspect with sticks and an iron rod. The suspect was arrested and bail opposed. Nothing was taken from the deceased.
- Inspector Jan de Bruyn secured a sentence of Life Imprisonment for Murder and 40 years imprisonment on two charges of Robbery with Aggravating circumstances (House Robberies) in Honeydew. The incident took place in 2006 when seven armed suspects entered the complainant's room. An argument ensued and the complainant was killed. One suspect a 31 year old Mozambican citizen was arrested and linked to another case in Roodepoort (House Robbery).

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