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### **HONEYDEW SAPS : CRIME BRIEF**

## **INCREASE IN RAPE CASES REPORTED IN SECTOR 4 (ZANDSPRUIT AND COSMO CITY):**

Female residents and visitors are urgently warned to be extremely careful when walking in the street after hours. Incidents of rape are occurring over weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during the evening from 20:00 until 00:00. Ladies are being targeted as they are walking home alone from work or shebeens.

#### ***Please take note:***

A person is not only raped by strangers, but more often by people known to them.

- Never pick up strangers or take a lift from a stranger.
- Do not walk alone in bushy areas or open fields – especially not at night!
- Surprise possible attackers by not using the same route every day.
- Avoid drinking with strangers at shebeens.

#### ***What to do if you have been raped:***

1. Go to a safe place,
2. Speak to someone you trust,
3. Contact the nearest police station,
4. Keep your clothes, and try not to bath, in order to preserve all the evidence.
5. The police will arrange for a medical examination / treatment.

#### ***Who can I contact?***

- Your local police station:
- SAPS Emergency Services: 10111
- Women abuse helpline: 0800 150 150

## **SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER:**

Honeydew SAPS attended a shooting incident in the Zandspruit informal settlement. On arrival at the scene a 21 year old man (South African) was found with a bullet wound in the lower back. According to witnesses there was an argument between the victim and an 18 year old Somalian man, inside the Somalian's spaza shop. A shot was allegedly fired by the Somalian man who wounded the victim. The Somalian man was arrested on charges of Attempted Murder and will be appearing in court again on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2012, to apply for bail. The victim is currently still in the hospital in a serious condition. The investigation is proceeding and any witnesses to the

incident are asked to make contact with; Warrant Officer Lesley Molotwane on: 073 593 0225.

## **CYCLISTS TO BE ALERT WHEN OUT RIDING:**

Honeydew SAPS can confirm that one incident was reported of a "Robbery with Firearm". On Saturday at 06:00 the complainant was cycling when he was approached by three men driving a white Toyota Hilux bakkie. The suspects approached the complainant from behind and forced him to stop. One suspect had a firearm and instructed the complainant to hand over his bicycle. The suspects drove away with the complainant's bicycle. the complainant did not sustain any injuries. The case is being investigated by the Honeydew detective services.

### ***Safety when cycling:***

- Cycle with a companion or in a group,
- Restrict your cycling to familiar locations and avoid secluded areas,
- Try to cycle during daylight hours,
- Vary your route and routine ,
- Stay away from bushes and alleys where attackers might hide,
- Always be aware of your surroundings – be alert,
- Do not carry valuables when cycling.

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