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Crime Brief - 18th August 2009

House Robberies: At about 12:15 the complainant, a domestic worker, was on duty at a Town house Complex in Ruimsig. When suddenly an unknown male came down the stairs and grabbed her. The front door then opened and two more armed suspects entered the house. The domestic worker was tied up and the suspects ransacked the house taking various electrical equipment. The suspects fled the scene in a white Honda ballade with unknown registration number.

At about 15:55 the complainant arrived home, in Randpark Ridge, with her children when she suddenly saw an unknown man in front of her. The suspect pointed a firearm at the complainant and requested the keys of the gate. The suspect opened the gate and three other suspects entered through the gate. The complainant was taken to the bedroom and the children to the lounge. While the suspects were busy in the house the police were contacted by a member of the community to inform them about the robbery in progress. The Honeydew Crime Prevention Unit and West Rand Flying Squad members arrived on the scene. Four suspects were arrested and one unlicensed firearm recovered. The complainant and her children did not sustain any injuries. The Honeydew Cluster TRIO Task team is currently investigating the case for possible linkages.

Rape: The Honeydew Police are concerned about the number of rape cases which are being reported. During the past month the number of cases has increased. The best way to try and combat this heinous crime is to try and educate the public. These are a few guidelines to enable you to try to act pro-actively to avoid such a situation.

- No one can tell you what to do if you are attacked and about to be raped. If you are attacked, assess the situation and if possible, seek a way out.
- Try to have a good look at your attacker. This will enable you to give a very good description to the police, who in turn will be able to identify the attacker more easily.
- One thing that should be kept in mind is that it is not only strangers that are responsible for attacks on women. In most rape cases, women know their attacker.
- Rape also takes place any time of the day or night. For this reason, there is no set rule on how to avoid being attacked. .

What is Rape?

A person has been raped if one has been forced to have sex against one's will. Rape is against the law.

Rape is a violent, traumatic and life changing experience that can happen to anyone. It can happen in many different situations. Girls or women can be raped by their boyfriends, husbands, family members, friends someone they know, a stranger, or by a gang of men. Men and boys can also be raped.

What can I do if I am raped?

If you are raped it is your choice whether or not you want to report it to the police. If you do decide to report the rape you should go to your nearest police station as soon as possible. If you have been badly hurt, you should go to your nearest clinic or hospital and they will call the police for you.

Clean-up Operation: Beggars and Hawkers:

Honeydew SAPS, JMPD, and Department of Social Development launched a Crime Prevention Operation last Saturday with the main focus on clearing the robot intersections in the Honeydew Precinct. Various problematic intersections were cleared of beggars and hawkers. A total of 35 mothers, children and other beggars were removed from the intersections and were taken to shelters in Johannesburg. Hawkers were arrested, their property confiscated and fines were issued.

According to Captain Ilonka Naude, the Social Crime Prevention Officer, "this combined operation will be conducted on a regular basis and all beggars and hawkers are warned that we have a NO-tolerance approach".

The following arrests were made in the Honeydew Precinct for the past week:

Drunken Driving	2
Possession of stolen property	7
Assault and Assault GBH	8
Armed Robbery	3
Fraud	6
House Robbery	6
Possession of Drugs	3
Theft of motor Vehicle	2
House Breaking and Theft	1
Theft	2
WA Maintenance	1
Illegal dealing in liquor	4
Drinking in public	38
Murder	2
Illegal Trading	5
Rape	1
Domestic Violence	1

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