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Crime Brief - 2nd March 2009

Herewith some of the incidents reported during the past week:

House Robbery: At about 22:30 a complainant was sleeping in **Weltevreden Park**, when she was awoken by somebody in the bedroom. The suspects were armed with firearms and they tied up the complainant and her husband. The suspects ransacked the house and took jewellery, household items, laptops, cellphones, etc. The suspects drove off with the complainant's vehicle. The vehicle was later recovered abandoned in Alexandra.

In another incident, in **Bromhof**, the complainant was outside hanging up washing. She then went back inside the house and locked the doors. She heard someone at the intercom at the gate. This person informed her that he was sent by the owner of the house to repair something. She told the men that she was not informed about any repairs and that they must contact the owner. She went outside to give them the phone number and was then attacked by the suspects. The suspects took her back into the house where they tied her up and ransacked the house. The suspects took various electrical appliances and fled the scene on foot.

- Residents are asked to please supply their domestic workers with the necessary emergency phone numbers to contact in case of any emergency or when noticing any suspicious persons/vehicles.

Rape: Sunday morning at approximately 01:30 a lady was raped when she became stranded after a function at a tavern in Zandspruit.

Some Prevention methods:

- DO NOT trust any stranger and be alert at all times when approached by one.
- Try and keep to well-lit areas or where there are people.
- DO NOT hitch-hike

Business Robbery: On Saturday evening about 21:20 an owner of a restaurant in Ruimsig was entertaining a few friends after closing time. They were confronted by four armed suspects who robbed the restaurant of an undisclosed amount of cash, laptops and other personal property. The suspects fled in their vehicle a white Fiat Palio. A lookout was given for the suspects. The suspects were spotted on the corner of Ontdekkers Road and Hendrik Potgieter Drive. A chase ensued down Ontdekkers Road towards Joburg. The suspects started shooting at the SAPS members who returned fire. The four suspects were apprehended near the Sophiatown Police Station. Firearms were recovered as well as the property that they had taken from the first scene. The TRIO task team is investigating the case.

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