



## Communication Service

## Kommunikasiediens

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## Crime Brief - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009

**Trio Crimes (House Robbery, Business Robbery and Hi-jacking):** These crimes have shown an overall decrease for the past few days (Monday to Thursday), with only two incidents being reported to the Honeydew Police Station.

**Smash and Grabs:** Drivers of motor vehicles are warned to please be careful when approaching any intersections (Robots or Stop streets). We are experiencing Smash and Grab incidents in the Honeydew Precinct once again. The "Hot Spot" intersections are currently: the Hans Schoeman Bridge, over the N1 North highway (the suspects then run down to the highway) and Rugby Road intersection with Haak and Steek Ave.

Prevent Smash-and-grab incidents:

- Lock all your doors and close all the windows. Thieves steal handbags and other valuables by opening car doors or even by breaking windows while your car is stationary at traffic lights or stuck in slow-moving traffic.
- Lock all valuables (including laptops, cell phones, handbags etc.) in the boot of your car or behind the seat if it is a bakkie. Where possible keep GPS devices out of sight.
- Be constantly on the look-out for suspicious-looking characters. Don't hesitate to report them to the police.
- Be wary of people standing at traffic lights or intersections.
- Never open your vehicle window or door for any stranger.

**Theft of Cell phones:** There is currently a huge increase in theft of cell phones, especially out of handbags while ladies are busy with shopping. It is requested that ladies must check their handbags and make sure they are properly closed and that cell phones and wallets are out of reach. When you are in a public place only answer your cell phone when it is safe. Avoid getting tricked into lending your cell phone to someone who wants to make a call. When you are forced to leave your cell phone in a bag for example, at a sporting event, put your phone on silent so that it will not attract any attention from passers-by. While shopping, do not be distracted by people who ask for help or advice, it is often a ploy to get access to your handbag or belongings.

**Street Robbery of learners walking to and from School:** Reports have been received of learners being robbed of their cell phones when walking to and from School especially in the Randpark Ridge area (Seder and Carob Streets). Where possible learners are requested to walk in numbers, with all valuables (cell phones, money etc.) out of sight. In one incident the learners were walking in the street when a light coloured beige Mazda 323 vehicle drove down the road slowly with the driver looking out of the window as though there was a problem with the wheel of the vehicle. They then stopped and two suspects approached the two learners and demanded their cell phones. One of the suspects had a firearm.

## **Successes by the Honeydew Cluster TRIO Task Team:**

Five Suspects arrested on two cases of Hi-Jacking.

One suspect arrested on one case of Business Robbery.

Eight suspects arrested on four cases of House Robbery.

One suspect arrested for two Garage Robberies.

One suspect arrested in Possession of a Robbed Motor vehicle.

One suspect arrested in Possession of an unlicensed firearm.

They also recovered the following property: Two Rifles, one pistol, two vehicles and other electronic equipment.

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