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Crime Brief - 08th December 2009

Business Robberies: Business Robberies are still problematic and managers and owners are again urged NOT to leave large sums of money in the tills or in the safe at any time. Please rotate your banking times and arrange that your money is collected on a regular basis.

Garage Robbery: The complainant was on duty as a cashier at approximately 22:25 when two males entered the garage, in Boskruin. One suspect took a bottle of water and went to pay at the till. The suspect gave the complainant money and as the complainant opened the till the suspect produced a firearm and ordered him to hand over all the money in the till. The second suspect then held up the second cashier and took the money out of the till. The suspects tied the cashiers up and locked them in the bathroom and fled the scene.

House Robbery: Saturday evening at about 21:05 the complainant and his friends were having a braai in a complex in Ruimsig. Suddenly three unknown males appeared armed with firearms. One of the victims ran into the house and locked the door. One of the suspects fired several shots wounding the victim in the leg. One of the other victims then returned fire fatally wounding the one suspect. The other suspect fled the scene.

Smash and Grab: At about 21:50 the complainant was driving along the N1 south and took the Beyers Naude off ramp. While the complainant was waiting for the traffic light to change she heard a loud noise and saw her passenger window breaking. One suspect grabbed her handbag and fled the scene.

Motorists are urged to be very careful when entering any intersection especially during the evening and;

- Lock all your doors and close all the windows.
- Don't have bags, cellphones, briefcases, laptops or other valuables visible in the vehicle.
- Be constantly on the look-out for suspicious looking characters.
- When approaching a red traffic light at night, try to slow down so that you only reach it when it turns green and therefore do not need to stop.
- Be wary of people standing at traffic lights or intersections. They may be innocent but perpetrators mix with these people while waiting for an opportunity to pounce.

Successes: The Honeydew Cluster TRIO Task team made the following successes the past week

Eleven (11) suspects arrested for House Robberies (these house robberies took place in Honeydew, Randburg and Lenasia). One of these suspects is also linked to House Robberies in Midrand, Rabie Ridge and Sandton.

Two (2) suspects were also arrested for a Hi-jacking of 2007.

One suspect was also arrested for being in Possession of Stolen property.

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