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(MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATION COMMANDER)

Crime Brief - 08th February 2010

Herewith details regarding some incidents reported during the past week:

Business Robbery:

On Wednesday afternoon at approximately 13:50 six armed suspects entered a Business in North Riding. The tellers tried to press the panic buttons but the suspects were too quick and instructed the customers and staff not to move. The robbers immediately started taking money from the tills and safe as well as property from the customers. The robbers fled the scene and nobody was injured.

House Robberies:

On Thursday morning at about 03:10 the complainant was asleep at her residence in Cosmo City when she was woken up by a noise. She called her son's name thinking that it was her son but he did not respond so she got up to check on him and was met by an unknown male in the passage armed with a hammer. He pushed the complainant back into her room and started ransacking her room. He demanded cash and she handed the money she had in her bag over to him. The suspect took cell phones, etc. and fled the scene on foot. The complainant and her son did not sustain any injuries.

Ruimsig: On Saturday morning at approximately 03:45 the complainant and his friends were sleeping when three suspects entered the bedroom and held them up with firearms. The suspects gained entry through the front door that was closed but not locked. The suspects tied the complainant and his friends up and continued to ransack the property. They fled the scene on foot with cash, cell phones, TV's etc.

Northwold: On Saturday morning at 06:50 the complainant heard the dogs barking and went to investigate. He was then approached by two unknown males. The suspects grabbed the complainant and instructed him to keep quiet and forced him back into the house, where he was tied up. The suspects fled the scene with cash and other personal property.

Special Crime Prevention operations held during the past week:

On Wednesday (03rd February 2010) a liquor operation was held in Zandspruit addressing illegal shebeens. One person was arrested in Zandspruit and 39 cases of beer confiscated.

On Thursday (04th of February 2010) Honeydew SAPS and the Provincial Reservist Task team raided a High school in the Honeydew Precinct – addressing drugs in schools. Two grade 12 learners were arrested for possession of drugs. During the raid information was received regarding a premise in Sundowner in Honeydew, from where dagga is being distributed to learners in the Precinct. The premise was searched and a “green house” was found at the back of the property where dagga plants were being cultivated.

On Friday (05th of February 2010) at 05:00 Captain Lamprecht headed a clean-up operation throughout the Precinct addressing problematic greenbelts and “hot spot” areas. The following arrests were made: nine illegal immigrants, two by-law infringements and one for possession of drugs. At 15:00 Captain Gumede the second part of the operation was conducted focusing on illegal shebeens in

Cosmo City. Two people were arrested and 33 cases of beer confiscated.

Conviction by the Honeydew Cluster TRIO Task Team:

During November 2006 a 60 year old resident was attacked in his house by two unknown suspects and assaulted. The suspects ransacked the house and fled with various property. Inspector Jan de Bruyn of the Honeydew TRIO Task Team finalized the investigation and the suspects were found guilty on the following charge: House Breaking with intent to rob and robbery with aggravating circumstances. The suspects were sentenced to 15 (fifteen) years imprisonment.

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