

## **Honeydew Community Police Forum Crime Update 10 July 2008**

Herewith some of the incidents that have taken place over the past week.

### **MURDER & ATTEMPTED MURDER:**

In an incident in **Wilgespruit** at about 20h00, a couple returned to their residence and parked their vehicle in the garage. They then proceeded to the house and when they were in the house a shot was fired that went through the husband's shoulder and hit his wife. We regret to advise that his wife was declared dead at the scene and the husband was taken to a nearby hospital. An empty cartridge was found outside the house. It is unclear what the motive for the killing was, but it is believed that it could have been robbery. There was no power in the area on the night of the incident and Honeydew SAPS has appealed to the public for any information or if they saw any suspicious activity. They can call D/Insp. Massyn on 011-801-8466.

### **HOUSE ROBBERY AND MURDER:**

In another incident in **Cosmo City** at about 21h45 the complainant and her children were asleep in the house. When the husband returned from work the wife opened the door for him and she saw three suspects holding her husband at gunpoint. The suspects ordered the complainants to lie down and demanded money and firearms. When the husband tried to tell the suspects he did not have a firearm they fired a shot at him. We regret to advise that he died on the scene. The suspects fled with cell phones and cash.

### **BUSINESS ROBBERIES:**

In an incident in **Weltevreden Park** at about 18h05 the complainant was busy at the till in the shop, when she was approached by three suspects with firearms. She was told it was a robbery and other suspects joined them. They instructed her to point out the managers. The suspects then took cash and cigarettes and fled the scene.

The day before this incident, the same people visited the business enquiring about a product that this business had to offer and then the next day at about 09h30 the complainant was at work in an office in **Zandspruit** when the same two males entered the office with firearms and demanded cash. They then fled the scene with the cash.

At a pub in **Weltevreden Park** the complainant was busy working when three males entered the premises with firearms. They then took cash and cell phones from the employee as well as the customers.

In another incident in **Ruimsig** the complainant was busy paying his employees in front of a townhouse complex when he was approached by two unknown males. One had a firearm and demanded money. They searched the complainant and took cash, jewellery a cell phone and then fled in the complainant's vehicle.

### **HOUSE ROBBERY:**

In an incident at **Cosmo City** the complainant was at home with friends when the lights went off. He then went outside to see if there was anything wrong with the main switch. When he was at the switch he was approached by a gunman who ordered him to switch the electricity back on and the suspect then ordered him back into the house where he saw another two suspects with firearms in the house. They demanded money and took him to the bedroom where they took his belongings. They then said he must take them to his uncle's house to look for more money. On the way to his uncle's house he managed to run to the neighbours and alert them as to what was happening. The suspects fled.

In another incident in **Weltevreden Park** at about 20h00 the complainant was in bed reading when three males entered the room. Two had firearms. The suspects had gained entry through the back door that was not locked. They tied the complainant up and ransacked the house. They loaded the stolen goods into the complainant's vehicle and fled the scene.

In another incident in **Randpark Ridge** at about 03h45 the complainant was sitting in the lounge watching T.V. when he suddenly saw two males with firearms standing by his side. They tied him up with shoelaces and robbed him of his belongings. The suspects had gained access to the house by removing the glass and burglar bars from a bedroom window.

**WARNING WITH REGARD TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

Residents are urged not to venture out at night if the power goes off. There has been a case where a resident went out to the main distribution box to investigate why the power was off and he was then ambushed by a criminal.

Regards

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