

Honeydew Community Police Forum Crime Update 20 March 2008

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BUSINESS ROBBERIES:

A business in Randpark Ridge was robbed by a group of approximately 11 suspects armed with firearms at about 18h15. The group of suspects tied up the complainant and co-workers. The suspects used three vehicles to load their loot. They took computers, LCD plasma screens and laptops and fled the scene. The Trio Task Team is investigating the case.

In an incident in **Randpark Ridge** at about 00h30 the security guard was doing his patrols when he was approached by two males in a Nissan bakkie who asked him to assist them with the ATM. They produced firearms, assaulted him and tied him to a tree. They then proceeded to the back of the premises where they broke through the concrete wall into the business. They used an angle grinder to grind open the drop safe. They took cash and cigarettes. They fled the scene in the Nissan bakkie as well as an unknown vehicle that was parked on the N1 highway at the back of the business.

HOUSE ROBBERIES:

In an incident in Cosmo City at about 03h10 the complainant and his mother were sleeping when three suspects (armed with firearms) entered the house by removing the lounge's window. The occupants were overpowered and tied up in the bedroom. One of the suspects then raped a 42 year old lady after which they fled the scene on foot with electronic goods, cell phones and cash.

During a incident in Randpark Ridge a domestic worker was returning from the outside toilet when she was approached by three suspects armed with knives. The lady was grabbed by the suspects and instructed not to scream. They took her inside the bedroom and tied her up. Clothes and household equipment were taken and the suspects fled the scene on foot.

In another incident at a townhouse complex in **Randpark Ridge** at about 00h30 the complainant was asleep when he was awoken with a light being switched on. There was a suspect with a firearm in his room who ordered him to lie down and keep quiet. Another three suspects were in another room in the unit. They demanded money and jewelry and tied up the victims with shoe laces. The suspects took various electrical appliances and cell phones which they loaded into the victim's vehicle and fled the scene.

CRIME TIPS : HOUSE ROBBERIES

VERY IMPORTANT, most criminals are opportunists.

- When having friends and family over to visit say all the goodbyes inside the house. There have been a few incidents reported of robberies that occurred while everyone is standing in the driveway saying goodbye.

- When going to sleep close ALL windows (including the bathroom / toilet window) and make sure that all alarms are activated. Keep all doors and security gates locked when you are at home or not, even in the day time!
- When somebody is pressing the intercom button at the gate DO NOT just open the gate before confirming who it is (especially residents of town house complexes)
- Install security lights in areas like carports, outside stairs, alleys & patios.
- Change your travelling routes going to and from work and home including times leaving and arriving at home and always be crime prevention conscious.
- Make sure that all your electronic equipment in your house is marked with your details and contact numbers in order to trace back to the owner when recovered.

* ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CRIMES IN SCHOOLS IN THE HONEYDEW PRECINCT:

During the past week learners from three schools (Allen Glen High School, Masakane Primary School and Cosmo Secondary School) in the Honeydew Precinct were surprised and shocked when their schools were raided by the Honeydew SAPS.

This forms part of a School Safety Project that will continue throughout the year. A strong message was carried over during these raids that the Honeydew Police has got a Zero Tolerance towards any criminal activities in schools. This includes learners who is caught in possession of stolen goods, drugs, liquor or dangerous weapons.

During these raids no drugs were found on the premises and all three the schools received a "One Day Drug Free" certificate.

The School Safety project was launched to address safety in and around schools, after a huge increase of criminal activity was reported. This project will address learners that are both victims as well as suspects. A data base will also be established to keep record of all the learners arrested for any criminal activities.

A Youth desk will also be launched during April / May this year which will includes representatives from all the schools in the Precinct.

Anyone who needs more information regarding this project is welcome to contact Captain Ilonka Naude, Social Crime Prevention Officer, during office hours on: (011) 801-8501/7.

Inspector Frazer Mabaso, Constable Biggy Munyai and Constable Andries Bokaba from the Honeydew Detective Branch was appointed as the Investigating officer and suspects arrested. After months of investigation and hard work the suspects were found guilty for: Robbery with Aggravating circumstances and also declared unfit to possess a firearm. The suspects were sentenced to: 15 years imprisonment by Roodepoort Magistrate court.

After the murder of a 28 year old man, who was stabbed to death in Kyasand during July 2007, the case docket was booked out to Constable Dikgang Pooe from the Honeydew Detective branch. He investigated the case and arrested a 24 year old suspect. This suspect was found guilty and sentenced in the Randburg court to a effective 15 years imprisonment and declared unfit to possess a firearm.

SUCCESS

Herewith feedback regarding the serial rapists who were operating in the Northriding area last year. One of the three suspects was sentenced to life imprisonment on four charges of rape as well as a further 15 years for robbery with aggravating circumstances. Congratulations to Insp. Arrie Prinsloo from the FCS.

The other two suspects trial is continuing at the High Court.

Regards

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