

**Honeydew Community Police Forum  
Crime Update 26 August 2008**

Herewith some of the incidents that have occurred during the past week:

## HOUSE ROBBERIES:

House Robberies are still very problematic in the Honeydew Precinct. Herewith some "HOTSPOT" detail regarding the current House Robbery Trends:

HOTSPOT DAYS OF WEEK: Monday & Saturday  
HOTSPOT TIMES OF OCCURRENCE: Between 00:00 and 06:00  
HOTSPOT SUBURBS: Randpark Ridge  
Weltevreden Park  
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- At about 20h30 at a residence in **BROMHOF** the complainant and her cousin were in the lounge when they were surprised by two suspects with firearms. The suspects tied them up, ransacked the house and took a digital camera, cellphones, jewellery and other personal property and fled the scene on foot.
- In another incident in **LAZERPARK**, the complainant was entering his yard at about 22h50, when he was approached by one suspect dressed in a security uniform with a firearm. The suspect held the complainant at gunpoint and instructed him to enter his house. Three more suspects appeared also dressed in security uniforms. The suspects took property from the house and fled the scene.
- On Friday evening at about 20h50 a complainant was at his residential address in **ZANDSPRUIT** when he was approached by six unknown males. The suspects were armed and they held the complainant up and robbed him of his Hi-Fi, cellphone, generator and other property. They fled the scene.

## ARMED ROBBERIES:

- At about 19h30 on Saturday evening a petrol attendant was robbed of his cellphone at a garage in **WELTEVREDEN PARK**. The attendant was on duty when he was approached by a unknown male with a firearm. The suspect instructed the petrol attendant to lie down and he took his cellphone. The suspect fled the scene on foot.
- A complainant was walking home in **COSMO CITY** at approximately 00h30 when two suspects approached him they held him up with a firearm and robbed him of his cell phone.
- In another incident in **RADIOKOP**, the complainant arrived home at approximately 17h45. The complainant parked her vehicle and went into the house to switch off the house alarm. As she returned back to the vehicle to fetch the children, she was approached by a suspect with a firearm. The suspect grabbed the complainant's handbag and a struggle ensued. A second suspect appeared and the suspects managed to grab the complainant's handbag and fled the scene. No shots were fired.

## TRIO ROBBERY TASK TEAM:

This Task Team under the leadership of Senior Superintendent Eksteen has made good breakthroughs during the month of August.

For the month of August they achieved the following successes:

- **ARRESTS:**
  - House Robbery 20 suspects
  - Business Robbery 9 suspects
  - Theft of Motor vehicle 2 suspects
  - House Breaking and Theft 8 suspects
  - Theft out of Motor vehicle 3 suspects
- **CONFISCATIONS:**

- 4 Firearms were recovered
- Stolen property to the value of: R1.2 million recovered

### GOOD SENTENCES RECEIVED:

The Honeydew Detective Branch received excellent sentences for cases they were investigating. Details as follows:

Two suspects were sentenced to fourteen years each after months of investigation and hard work by Inspector Fraser Mabaso. The suspects were found guilty on four counts namely: Business Robbery, Possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition and attempted murder.

Constable Andy Mankayi's case received a sentence of seven years when a suspect was found guilty for being in possession of a stolen firearm.

From the Honeydew SAPS's Social Crime Prevention Officer's Desk: Captain Ilonka Naude

Weekly we witness children in the Honeydew Precinct becoming victims of crime and in some incidents the parents were unaware of the children's whereabouts. Herewith some safety tips for the parents and caregivers of children:

#### Safety for Children:

Home Alone ...

For children to be less vulnerable to dangerous situations they must -

- not be left alone at home or elsewhere where they can become susceptible to abuse, alcohol and drugs;
- be taught to keep the doors and windows locked;
- know their parents' and the police's numbers;
- know their home street address; and
- know that it's ok to say NO when they are faced with uncomfortable situations.

Parents or caregivers of children must -

- be responsible for their children and ensure their safety at all times;
- keep an open line of communication and trust between them, their children and the school and know their children's friends;
- know that there is **NO** waiting period to report a person missing;
- keep a close watch on their children at swimming pools or busy shopping centres;
- assist the police when reporting a missing person. Know the schedules and movements of loved ones and family members and make a point of remembering the clothing they were wearing; and
- teach children **NOT** to make prank calls to the emergency number **10111** as this will block a call of someone who is really in need of police assistance.

**Give information on criminals and their activities.**

**CALL SAPS CRIME STOP: 08600 10111**

Regards

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