

## Honeydew Community Police Forum Crime Update 7 October 2008

### GARAGE ROBBERIES:

Garage Robberies have continued during the past week in the Honeydew Precinct and is currently a huge problem. Garage owners/managers are asked to make contact with Honeydew SAPS in order to update their details on our systems and are also invited to please attend the Garage Forum meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 11h00, in the Board Room at the Police Station.

Details regarding some of the Garage Robberies over the past weekend:

- At about 20:54 on Friday evening three suspects entered the shop at a garage, in **Randpark Ridge**, pretending to be customers. The suspects then instructed the cashier to hand over the money in the till and also took cigarettes before fleeing the scene on foot.
- On Saturday morning at approximately 02:30 two well dressed suspects armed with a firearm entered the garage tuck-shop, in **Randpark Ridge**, demanding the money in the till and fled the scene in a Toyota Camry.

### HOUSE BREAKING (RESIDENTIAL PREMISES):

Home owners are requested to please review the security at their properties. During the past week an Environmental Analysis was done by Honeydew SAPS's Crime Intelligence Office and the following findings were observed. (Residents are asked to please take note of these findings and where possible to address them):

- Post boxes were overflowing with post that has not been removed.
- Big palisade gates are left open due to electric gate motors that are out of order.
- Front doors and security gates are left standing wide open with keys hanging in the door locks.
- Properties have big trees on the road verge, with branches hanging over the perimeter wall into the residential premises. This makes it easy for the criminals to gain access into the premises (even where electric fencing is in place).
- Big bushes, shrubs and trees are present at or near the front gate which is an easy hideaway for criminals.

The current "Hotspot" details regarding House breaking at residential premises are:

Suburbs - Weltevreden Park and Ruimsig  
Times - Between 06:00 and 18:00

### HIJACKING:

On Sunday morning at about 04:10 a complainant was driving along Marina Drive next to Zandspruit. He was on his way back from work when he noticed a dark coloured BMW parked next to the road. As he got closer to this vehicle an armed suspect jumped out of the BMW, with the firearm and ordered him to stop. His vehicle was hijacked and he was left next to the road. Drivers are asked to be extremely careful when driving in the early hours of the morning or late at night and they are advised to take well lit routes.

### HOUSE ROBBERIES:

A complainant and his wife were busy unpacking at a Townhouse Complex in **Honeydew Ridge**, when an unknown suspect with a firearm stormed into their residence followed by four other suspects. The complainant and his wife were tied up and the suspects ransacked the house. The suspects fled the scene with laptops, jewellery, electrical appliances, camera, cellphones etc.

In another incident a complainant was surprised by a suspect in his house in **Zandspruit** at about: 03:30. The suspect was armed with a firearm and he took the complainant's cell phone, clothing and cash.

A complainant was sleeping in her Townhouse Complex in **Sonneglans** at approximately 04:30, when she felt someone touching her. She got a fright when she woke up and noticed three armed suspects next to her bed. The suspects told her to be quiet and they took her cell phone and other property.

**SUCCESES:**

Inspector Frieda Massyn from the Honeydew Detective Branch was instrumental in securing good sentences for two suspects in a case, after years of investigation and court appearances.

During December 2005 a 25 year old lady was raped and strangled in the veld in Wilgeheuwel. Two suspects were arrested after the incident. Both suspects were found guilty and sentenced in the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court to life imprisonment and were also declared unfit to possess a firearm.

Regards

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