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Crime Brief - 14th July 2009

House Robbery: A group of eight armed suspects held up a family of six at a Plot area. They ransacked the house and took money, jewellery, cell phones and electric appliances after which they fled scene. The Honeydew Cluster TRIO task team was called to attend to the scene. After investigation on the scene they followed up leads and arrested five suspects, the same evening. One of the suspects was a security guard that was on duty during the robbery on the plot. The five suspects who were arrested in Johannesburg, are Zimbabwean Nationals aged between 20 and 40. The team recovered some of the property that was robbed and is hot on the trail of the outstanding suspects.

Bank Robbery: On Wednesday 2009-07-07 at about 12:00 four suspects entered a Bank, armed with pistols and a sledge hammer. They held up the Managers and Staff members. The suspects took an undisclosed amount of money from the bank and also robbed the staff of cell phones and jewellery. The suspects fled the scene in a silver Toyota Corolla. No body was injured and no shots were fired.

Two vehicles were stolen at two different Car Wash outlets, details as follow: On Thursday 2009-07-09 at about 15:30 a vehicle was stolen from a garage where the vehicle was left to be washed. Three suspects arrived at the premises in a Renault Megane. One suspect took the keys of the vehicle where they were left and stole the vehicle. A lookout was given for the vehicle and members from the West Rand Flying Squad spotted the vehicle and arrested one suspect and recovered the motor vehicle. On Thursday 2009-07-09 at about 14:30 the complainant left her vehicle at the carwash and went in to the Shopping Centre. When she left she left the vehicle's keys with the garage to wash the vehicle. On her arrival to fetch her vehicle the keys were stolen with the vehicle.

Theft of gate motors is showing an increase in the Honeydew Precinct and owners are requested to please put extra methods in place to try and prevent the theft or tampering of gate motors. Owners are also asked to please mark their gate motors in order for us to trace the recovered motors and hand them back to the owner. Currently most gate motors are being stolen during the day, or being tampered with and then stolen during the night.

SUCCESSSES: The Honeydew TRIO Cluster Task Team of Snr. Superintendent Louise Eksteen made the following arrest the past week:

- Seven suspects arrested on three House Robbery cases,
- Two suspects arrested on two Business Robbery cases,
- Three suspects arrested on one Hi-jacking case,
- One suspect arrested for House Breaking and Theft.

Property to the value of approximately R250 000 was also recovered including Plasma TV's, Electronic goods, jewellery, cell phones, one hi-jacked vehicle and one firearm.

The Task Team also secured a sentence on a House Robbery case that occurred in October 2006. One suspect was arrested and sentenced in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court to ten years imprisonment and declared unfit to possess a firearm.

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