

## **Honeydew Community Police Forum Crime Update 4 July 2008**

### **PROBLEMS BEING EXPERIENCED WITH THE HONEYDEW SAPS SWITCHBOARD**

At present we are experiencing a problem with the switchboard line 011-801-8400 due to upgrades to the phone lines. If you are experiencing a problem, kindly call 011-795-1969/60 or 10111 for emergencies.

### **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

All victims of house robberies committed by four suspects in a Black V.W. Polo are asked to contact D/Insp. Jan du Bruyn (House Robbery Task Team) on 079-513-6089 to assist in linking the arrested suspects with more house robberies committed. The suspects entered homes in the evenings and tied up the victims and then ransacked the home and fled in the Polo.

### **WARNING TO ALL SHOP OWNERS:**

Shop owners are asked to be aware of a coloured female/s entering the shop and purchasing goods (usually to a small value) in order to see if the debit or credit cards are rejected as stolen, once the purchase has been made. If approached by the security or the owner the suspect/s becomes very violent and abusive and then make a phone call. A coloured male then comes into the shop and becomes threatening if the owner opens a case. They flee the scene in a V.W. Golf V.

### **OPERATION SECOND HAND DEALERS:**

All second hand dealers are again urged to ensure that their operating license etc. is in order. During a recent raid on second hand dealers, in conjunction with J.M.P.D., Eskom and Environmental Health, nine fines were issued, one written warning issued and one case docket opened for the possession of stolen property. Insp. Ian Jackson can be contacted on 072-986-3766 if you have any queries.

### **ARMED ROBBERY (RESIDENTIAL):**

All home owners are once again urged to be extremely vigilant when returning to their properties (especially ladies). Ensure that you are not being followed or that there are no suspicious people or vehicles in your street or near the entrance to your property. When you are opening gates remain vigilant and ensure that no-one is approaching you.

**ALL WINDOWS** including bathrooms need to be properly closed and secured especially at night, as in a number of incidents the perpetrators have gained access to the house through an open bathroom window. Also ensure that you do not leave any keys near open windows or near windows that can be opened easily. Where possible remove all keys from doors, as once access has been gained the perpetrators are able to let themselves out if keys are in doors.

In an incident in a townhouse complex in **Northwold** at about 04h15, four males with firearms forced the bathroom window open. They then gained access to the unit tied up the occupants and then ransacked the house taking various household appliances.

In another incident in a townhouse complex in **Honeydew Ridge**, the suspects arrived at the complex at 11h30 and pretended to be service providers and went to the unit where they overpowered the complaint who was then tied up. Electrical appliances were taken from the scene in a silver V.W. Polo and a white V.W. Golf Velociti.

### **THEFT OF AND THEFT OUT OF MOTOR VEHICLE:**

Residents are urged to ensure that all vehicles are properly secured preferably in a locked garage. If this is not possible vehicles must not be parked on the pavements but must be parked behind closed and locked gates. All items of value must be removed from the vehicle or locked in the boot of the vehicle where they are not visible, not only at residential premises but also at shopping centres. The clip off face of sound systems must be removed from the vehicle and not left in the vehicle.

**THEFT OF GATE MOTORS:**

At present there has been a huge increase in the theft of gate motors. The current "hotspots" are **Weltevreden Park and Allen's Nek**. This crime is occurring from 18h00 to 00h00. Residents need to be on the look out for a white Toyota Tazz as well as a blue Toyota Corolla as these vehicles are suspected of being involved in this crime. Residents are asked to mark their gate motor with an identifying name or contact number or address, so that if the motor is recovered we are able to return it to the owner. Gate motors need to be properly secured with reinforcing bolts etc. which makes it more difficult for the motor to be stolen.

Regards

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