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(MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATION COMMISSIONER)

**Crime Brief - 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009**

**Business Robbery:** Sunday morning at about 05:00 the complainant was busy cashing up in his office, at a night club in **North Riding**. Suddenly four unknown armed suspects entered his office and held him and staff members up. They instructed him to open the safe and took an undisclosed amount of cash, cell phones and a laptop. Nobody was injured during the robbery and the suspects fled the scene in a silver color VW Caravelle Combi, with unknown registration number.

**Hi-Jacking:** Saturday evening at approximately 18:30 the complainant was driving down Aureole Avenue, in **North Riding**. There was a blue color VW Polo driving in front of the complainant. Suddenly the Polo stopped in front of him. Two unknown men got out of the car, both armed with firearms. They walked towards the complainant, and they pointed him with the firearms and demanded his cell phone. The suspects then instructed the complainant to get out of the vehicle and they drove off with his vehicle.

**House Robberies:** Friday evening at about 18:33 at a residence in **Little Falls** the complainant and his family had just arrived home. His wife and son were in the kitchen and his daughter was parking her vehicle in the garage. Two unknown suspect entered the premises and grabbed the daughter. She screamed for help and her brother pressed the panic button but the suspects were already inside the house. They ordered the family to lie down on the floor and took jewellery, cash, wallets, etc. The suspects were then disturbed by the cell phone that rang. The suspects fled the scene in a blue color Mercedes Benz.

Sunday morning, at a Town House in **Sundowner**, at approximately 03:00 the complainant was awoken by a noise in his room. He then saw two unknown males standing next to his bed. The suspects covered the complainant's face with a blanket and ransacked the house. They took a laptop, cell phone etc. The suspects fled the scene on foot.

In another incident on Sunday morning at about 03:30 the complainant was also asleep in a Town House in **North Riding**, when she was also awoken by a noise. Suddenly she noticed a suspect next to her bed, holding a firearm. This suspect was joined by another three suspects, also armed with firearms. The suspects tied the complainant's hands and ransacked the house. They fled the scene. The complainant shouted for help and her neighbour came to her assistance. The suspects gained entry into the house by bending the kitchen burglar bars open.

Saturday afternoon, 14:40, in **Struben's Valley**, the complainant was hanging up washing when she heard someone at the front door. She went to investigate and discovered two suspects busy forcing the door open. She then ran and locked herself in one of the bedrooms. She waited till she could not hear anything and went to the front door but was then grabbed by the suspects. They took her to the main bedroom and ransacked the house taking various electrical equipment, jewellery etc. They fled the scene on foot. The complainant did not sustain any injuries.

**Street Robberies:** Street robberies are still on the increase and pedestrians are again urged to please not carry large sums of money on them and where possible to hide any valuables out of sight. Saturday evening at about 20:00 the complainant was walking down Olievenhout Ave, **North Riding** when

approached by two males from behind. One of them was armed with a firearm and he held her up while the other suspect grabbed her handbag. The suspects then fled with her handbag and cellphone.

Friday afternoon at 19:30 the complainant was returning from work, walking down Peter road, **Ruimsig**, when two young males pointed him with a firearm and robbed him of his cell phone and ran off.

## **The following successes were made:**

### **- By Honeydew SAPS members:**

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| Fraud                      | 1 x suspect  |
| Burglary Residence         | 4 x suspects |
| Possession stolen property | 3 x suspects |
| Business Robbery           | 1 x suspect  |
| Murder                     | 1 x suspect  |
| Possession of stolen gun   | 1 x suspect  |
| Poss. HB Implements        | 1 x suspect  |

Seizures:      1 x vehicle  
                    2 x firearms  
                    5 x drug related cases

### **- Successes by the Task Teams operating in the Honeydew Cluster:**

#### **# VISPOL TASK TEAM:**

One suspect for: Business Robbery and Possession of Hi-Jacked vehicle.  
Three suspects for Possession of Stolen Motor Cycle.

Seizures:      1 x Motor vehicle  
                    1 x unlicensed firearm and ammunition  
                    1 x Motor cycle

#### **# TRIO TASK TEAM:**

One suspect arrested on two cases of Theft of motor vehicle  
One suspect arrested for House robbery and attempted murder  
Six suspects arrested on three cases of Business Robberies  
Fourteen suspects arrested on five cases of House Robberies  
One suspect arrested for Possession of unlicensed firearm  
One suspect for Possession of stolen property

The TRIO Task Team also secured the following sentences in Roodepoort Magistrates Court:

- House Robbery case of Honeydew (occurred in December 2008), suspects sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment.
- Houser Robbery case of Roodepoort (occurred in February 2007), suspect sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment

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