



GUARD-ALERT REACTION AND CRIME NEWS

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Dear Valued client

Welcome to the reaction and crime news June edition. We have selected incidents we have reacted to our over 2500 reaction clients and 1000 guarding contracts country wide. Of note, recent power outages due the load shedding have resulted in alarm batteries not being fully charged which in turn results in vast numbers of fault signals being sent to our control room. Unfortunately these hamper the swift reaction to valid distress calls as they clog the system. Merely replacing a rundown battery will not solve the problem; these too will also run down and need to be recharged on a regular basis. In these times of power outages we are able to provide a solar alternative to keeping your alarm batteries charged. Please contact Guard-Alert Electronics on simmensa@gae.co.zw or telephone 08677007450 for more information and/or for a quotation for any of your electronic security needs.

REACTION NEWS

BULAWAYO

On the **09 June 2019** at **07.53am** a burglary signal was received from a residential property in Khumalo. The Reaction Crew attended to find main gate wide open. Investigations revealed one of the family members had pressed the panic button after hearing a noise outside the house. The suspects were seen absconding as the reaction vehicle approached the house.

On the 15 June 2019 at about 03.30am a burglary signal was received from an industrial property in Belmont. The Reaction crew was sent and upon arrival, discovered that alarm had been activated after 12 armed men attacked our guard who was handcuffed together with another guard and made to lie down. Upon noticing the Reaction vehicle approaching, the criminals ran away. It was discovered that the intruders had unlawfully entered the premises and disconnected the siren . Nothing was stolen.

On the 15 June 2019 at about 03.50am a burglary signal was received from a residential property in Matsheumhlophe suburb. The Reaction Crew was dispatched and on arrival discovered that an intruder had gained entry into the house. The house owner got out of bed to investigate after hearing some noises only to find the criminal in his house. The Reaction Crew arrived just in the nick of time and the criminal to run away. Nothing was stolen. Incident was reported to the police.

GWERU

On 27.06.19 at 1.08pm an alarm signal was received from a residential property in Southdowns low density suburb. The Reaction Crew attended and reported that all was in order. It is assumed that the siren scared away the intruders.

MARONDERA

On 18.06.19 at around 11.45pm a burglary signal was received at our control room from Morningside residential area in Marondera and the Reaction Team attended. Upon arrival, they were given a report by owner of the house that she heard some footsteps of intruders running away when the siren sounded. The Reaction Team checked in and around the house and nothing has been reported as stolen.

KADOMA

On 03.06.19 at 9.55pm an alarm signal was received from a commercial property in the CBD. Upon arrival, the Reaction Team reported that there was evidence that intruders had been at the site and must have run away when the alarm sounded.

On 09.06.19 at 4.43am an alarm signal was received from an industrial property. The Reaction Team attended and on checking discovered a broken window but no sign of the intruders who must run away when the alarm sounded.

KWEKWE

On the 4th June 2019 at 10.30pm alarm signal was received from a commercial property in the CBD. The Reaction Team was dispatched to investigate and reported seeing people running away. Nothing was stolen.

CRIME NEWS

NATIONWIDE

Drivers beware! Refrain from joining fuel queues with a few cars at night. There has been an incident at Trek Chinamano Service Station where a young man was attacked and robbed by armed men after joining a fake fuel queue. This syndicate had formed a fake queue using five vehicles and awaited unsuspecting people to join before attacking them. Try and ascertain that it is a genuine queue by checking there are attendants at the fuel station.

Stay safe.

HARARE

On the 5th of June 2019 at 1.25pm our security guards arrested a shoplifter at Bon Marche, Eastlea who had stolen 11 x 2kg packets of Sunlight Washing Powder. The accused was taken to Rhodesville Police Station where she was detained.

On the 9th of June 2019 one of our security details arrested a male employee of Dairiboard Zimbabwe for theft of company property. The accused was taken to Police Station.

On 17th June 2019 at about 3.45am one of our security guards arrested a security guard from another security company for theft of cooking oil from the gardeners' house. The gardener did not want the accused to be handed over to Police but to his superiors for discipline. The matter was dealt with internally.

On the 12th of June 2019 at 3.20am one of our security details averted theft of diesel which was being siphoned from a bus parked at Seven Miles Service Station. He confronted the criminals causing them to flee the scene leaving behind their car, a Nissan Familia registration number ACS 7422, a G-Tel cell phone, some cash and 3 x 20 litres of diesel. The guard also managed to press his panic button and the Reaction Crew reacted within a few minutes. Matter was reported to Waterfalls Police Station.

On the 18th June 2019 at about midnight our guard arrested one of three intruders who had unlawfully entered a commercial property that he was manning. The other two other intruders managed to escape. Our client stated that their generator room was broken into and a battery stolen. Suspect was taken to Braeside Police Station for further investigations.

On the 20th of June 2019 at 1018am our security detail arrested an employee for theft of company property. Accused was taken to Mbare Police.

On Friday 22 June 2019, the state media reported that the armed robbers held up the bread van while it made deliveries to a shopping centre in Harare's Glen Norah suburb. The gang, armed with pistols, overpowered the drivers and got away with 500 loaves of bread. Bread is very scarce at the moment and is reportedly fetching high prices on the informal market.

BULAWAYO

Six men armed with guns raided a house in Bulawayo's Famona suburb and got away with US\$30 000, a gun, ammunition, a safe with an undisclosed amount of cash and a vehicle.

A police source said that the robbers ambushed the house owner (name withheld) as he was driving into his yard. They ordered him out of the car at gun point and threatened to shoot and kill him if he disobeyed their orders.

The suspects demanded money from the victim and indicated that they knew he had a large sum of money kept in his house. The robbers got away with a hunting rifle and about 15 rounds of ammunition. They stole a safe with cash. They took about US\$30 000 and a Nissan single cab pickup truck which was used as the getaway vehicle.

NYANGA

A Nyanga man lost US\$1 200 to three armed robbers he had offered a ride from Nyakupinga to Nyanga town at around 10pm. The trio turned on him as they were approaching Juliasdale and attacked him. After they had travelled 5km, one of them requested to be dropped off. As he was disembarking, he refused to pay prompting the victim to get out of the car to confront him. As the two were talking, another suspect also came out of the car and hit the man on the back with an identified object. The robbers then grabbed US\$1 200 which was in the car's glove box and fled, leaving the man, who had blacked out, lying on the ground. The victim only managed to report the incident to Nyanga Police Station at around 1am after he had regained consciousness and the CID Canine Unit attended the scene. Investigations are still underway.