



Dear Valued client

Welcome to the reaction and crime news May edition. House breaking incidences are increasing and customers are advised to fit an alarm on all buildings which store valuable items. There has also been an increase in the number of car thefts and carjacking incidences. In all cases, Guard-Alert security urges continued vigilance whether at home or at the business premises.

REACTION NEWS

HARARE

On 04/05/19 at 7.18pm a panic signal was received from a commercial property in Glen Norah B. The Guard Alert security guard manning premise had pressed a panic button after making an arrest at the shop. The Reaction Team was dispatched and upon arrival, they found the accused shoplifter in possession of a 2 litre mineral water bottle. The accused person was handed over to the police.

On 04/05/19 at 12.43am a burglary alarm alert signal was received from a domestic property in Mabvuku. The Reaction Team attended. Upon arrival, they noticed various indications of criminal activity - the client's kitchen window and garage door had been broken and damaged. Further checks around clients premise were conducted which resulted in the arrest of a suspected thief who was caught hiding in the yard. The suspect was searched and found in illegal possession of client's house keys that he had fished through the broken kitchen window. The client correctly identified his keys. The suspect was immediately arrested and taken to Mabvuku police station. Nothing was stolen though the client suffered damage to his property.

On the 28/05/19 at 6.37pm an alarm signal was received in the control room (Commercial Property). Reaction crews were immediately despatched and upon arrival noticed during checks that the perimeter electric fence wire had been cut by unknown thieves. The daring

thieves ran away after alarm activated .Nothing was stolen on site.

On the 29/05/19 at 12:44am a burglary signal was received in the control room (commercial property) .On conducting checks crews noticed that unknown thieves had unlawfully forced open the shops main door using unknown object and stolen groceries in the act. Whilst attending scene , reaction crews noticed a suspiciously parked vehicle with no number plate near the shopping area .On approaching the vehicle, it sped off in haste .A chase was attempted however in vain

BULAWAYO

On the 8th of May 2019 at about 3.33am a panic signal was received from an industrial property in the Belmont. The Reaction Crew attended and found a Guard Alert detail who had observed thieves siphoning diesel from one of the trucks parked outside the premise. Upon seeing the detail, the criminals ran away leaving behind two containers one with two litre diesel which had been siphoned from the truck, a piece of hosepipe and a spanner. The incident reported was to Donnigton Police Station. The client was notified about the incident and was happy with the detail's performance.

On 12/09/2019 at 3.05pm a panic signal was received from a supermarket in Bradfield. The Reaction Team attended and found a shoplifter who had been arrested by the security for stealing goods worth \$66.00 RTGS. Suspect was taken to Central Police station.

On the 27th of May 2019 at 10.26am a panic signal was received from one of the commercial banks in the Bulawayo CBD area. The Reaction Crew was dispatched. Upon arrival, they found a man in the Banking Hall who was disturbing other customers. The man was taken to the Police station for questioning.

GWERU

On 23/05/19 at 12.42am, an alarm alert signal was received from a residential property in Southdowns (low density suburb). Our reaction team attended and reported that everything was in order. The siren scared the intruders away.

MUTARE

On the 10th of May 2019, the Reaction Team received a panic signal at about 2.00am from a residential property. On arrival they discovered that, the family had had a misunderstanding which had resulted in domestic violence. One of the occupants had pressed a panic button in order to get assistance from our team who managed to calm down the situation.

On 13/05/19 at 9.43pm, the Reaction Team received a panic signal from Trek Service Station and rushed to the garage. Upon arrival, they discovered that a fuel attendant had had a misunderstanding with one of their clients who had a vehicle without registration number plate. The man drove off as soon as he saw the Reaction Team.

On 27th May 2019, the Reaction Team received a panic signal at about 12.52am from a residential property. When they arrived at the scene and checked around the house they discovered that one of the bedroom windows had been forced open and the house owner advised them that, an unknown person tried to force open the window which set off the alarm scaring the intruder away.

KWEKWE

On 16/05/19 at 22.20pm alarm signal was received from commercial property in the CBD. The Reaction Crew attended and found the shop well secured. All windows and doors were well closed and locked. The siren scared the criminals away.

KADOMA

On 05/05/19 at 9.17pm a burglary alarm signal was received from a commercial property in the CBD. The Reaction Team was sent to investigate and reported that all was in order. The siren scared the intruders away.

On the 7th of May 2019 at 12.25am a burglary alarm signal was received from a residential property in Mashumavale (low density area). The Reaction Team quickly attended and found all in order. The siren scared the intruders away.

MARONDERA

A burglary alarm signal was received on 25/05/19 at 1.43am received a burglary alarm signal from a commercial property in Marondera. The Reaction Crew attended. Upon arrival, they noticed that unknown thieves had cut off the perimeter wire before proceeding to force open the office main door which activated the alarm resulting in them fleeing. Nothing was stolen. The case was reported to police for further investigations.

BINDURA

On 27/05/19 at 11.00am a phone call was received from Bindura informing control of a confirmed theft occurrence at a commercial property in Bindura. Unknown thieves had gained unlawful entry into the shop. They removed three padlocks without force i.e. there was no evidence of forced entry. Hair extensions (braids) were confirmed stolen. No signal came through to the control on the night of occurrence. The case was attended by the police and is still under investigations.

CRIME NEWS

NATIONWIDE

Because of the harsh economic environment, robberies are on the increase. The ZRP have given us the following useful tips in the event that the robbers manage to enter into your premises or inside your homes.

1. Robbers typically launch their attacks from the backdoor (normally kitchen doors) because they are usually not fortified. Get good doors for your kitchen. Use crossbars at the back or “burglar-proof” behind the doors inside the house. If you have keys to the burglar-proof, never leave them inside the lock. Where possible, use a padlock in addition to the keys which will make it difficult for the robbers to enter into the house and also buy you time to call somebody for help.
2. When you hear someone breaking into your house, unless you are absolutely sure that your actions will prevent entry into the house, **DO NOT** try to be the hero because this could potentially result in the robbers shooting at you or becoming more violent when they finally manage to enter your house.
3. If you call someone on your phone for help, keep the phone away from you as you do not want the criminals to know that you have done so.
4. Look for your main power switch and plunge the building into darkness. This usually disorients the robbers and may cause them to run away.
5. If you have a gun, registered, Use it **BUT** only if you are sure that you will do damage. This is not the time for warning shots. Killing an intruder on your

premises is legitimate defence in the eyes of the law. Same goes for the use of other weapons e.g. knives

6. When the robbers manage to enter your house, give them whatever they want. Do not hide anything or try to negotiate with them. Remember that your life is more precious than material possessions which can be replaced.
7. **DO NOT** look at the robbers directly (or do not let them see you doing so). If you know any of them, do not show any signs of recognition and do not mention the person's name. However, take note of any distinct features that can help with identification and investigation.
8. Be your neighbour's keeper. If you noticed robbers breaking into their house call the police for assistance.
9. Last but not least, do not chase after the robbers after they leave your house as this is a sure way of putting your life at risk.

OTHER CRIMINAL RELATED CASES

The ZRP arrested two Chitungwiza women who were part of a gang of armed robbers that has been terrorising people across the country after they were caught with stolen property worth thousands of dollars. They were caught at a police roadblock in Chivhu while driving a Honda Fit that had been stolen in Marondera.

On the 24th of May 24 at around 4pm, a young lady was offered a lift by the suspects who were in a Honda Fit from Murambinda to Chivhu. After travelling for five kilometres, the accused persons pulled off the road and drove towards Dauramanzi

Farm. They pulled out knives and threatened to kill the woman. They took her laptop, cell phone and cash and tied her to a tree.

The woman memorised the vehicle's registration number before the accused fled from the scene heading towards Chivhu. She managed to free herself and reported the matter to Chivhu Police Station.

A roadblock was mounted and the vehicle was intercepted at the 136 km peg along Harare-Chivhu Highway. Police searched the car and recovered all the property that had been stolen from the woman. They also recovered a wallet full of national identity cards and driver's licenses and eight kitchen knives. Through further investigations police discovered that the suspects were linked to more than seven armed robbery cases where they stole vehicles and other properties worth \$27 965 and only \$20 681 was recovered.

Drivers beware! Thieves have devised a new method of high jacking cars. They put a magnet on the brake disk of your car. When driving this makes a noise making it seem like there is a problem with your car. When you stop and get out of your car to check they attack you stealing all your valuables including the car.

HARARE

On the 2nd of May 2019 at 11.25am hours one of our security guards averted a break in at Kamfinsa car park when he observed and rushed towards a suspect who was about to break into a parked vehicle using a crow bar. Upon realizing that he had been seen, the suspect jumped into a Toyota Allion registration number ADW 6290 with four occupants and sped off. The incident was reported to Police. Nothing was stolen.

BULAWAYO

A man from Mahatshula suburbs is battling for his life in one of the big Hospitals in Bulawayo after a suspected armed robber stabbed him with a screw driver during a scuffle with accused person who had broken into his house at around 1.00am. Clients are advised to have their house armed with panic button and have their house (windows) fitted with magnetic contacts for quick reaction.

In one of the incidents a Fuel Service Station armed guard was man-handled by Honda Fit drivers (mushikashikas) who tried to disarm him after telling customers in the queue that, there was no fuel. The guard reacted by using his pepper spray, activating the panic button and firing a warning shot in the air, the crowd dispersed and case was reported to the Police.
