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Crime Brief – 26 July 2010

The TRIO crimes in the Honeydew Precinct are currently showing a decrease and we want to thank each and every resident that is assisting us in the fight against crime by being Crime Prevention aware at all times.

Residents in Townhouse Complexes are once again asked to ensure that they have adequate security at their unit especially at sliding doors.

House Robbery (Radiokop – Townhouse): On Friday morning at approximately 03:00 the complainant and her daughter were sleeping when suddenly four suspects with firearms entered the bedroom. The suspects tied up the complainant, her daughter and son and covered their faces. They ransacked the house and fled the scene with clothing and electrical equipment.

Robbery with firearm at fast food outlet: The complainant visited a fast food outlet in Honeydew Precinct and drove through the drive through. The complainant ordered his food and was busy getting the money out of his wallet when suddenly two unknown armed men approached his vehicle from the back. The one suspect had a firearm and pointed it at the complainant and demanded the complainant's wallet and cell phone. The suspects then fled on foot.

Here with arrests made in the Honeydew Precinct during the past week:

Selling liquor without a license:	5
Drunkenness	12
Shoplifting:	8
Fraud:	3
Theft general:	8
Theft of cable	1
Drunken driving	2
Reckless and Negligent driving	2
MITP	7
Rape:	2
Assault GBH	10
Common Robbery	1
Attempted murder	1
Contravening of protection order	2
Possession of stolen goods	1
House Breaking and Theft	2
Possession of dagga	1
Dealing in drugs	1
Possession of hazardous substances	1
Warrant of arrest	1
Theft of motor vehicle	1
Theft from motor vehicle	1

Perjury	1
Bribery	1

The Honeydew Cluster TRIO Task team had the following successes:

Arrests: Two suspects arrested for House Robberies.
One suspect arrested for Hi-jacking.
Four suspects arrested for Business Robberies.

A complainant was also arrested after a perjury case was opened against him. The complainant alleged that he was hi-jacked in Honeydew Precinct by two armed suspects. After investigation by the TRIO task team it was discovered that the complainant's vehicle was standing at a towing company as the vehicle was involved in an accident. The complainant then confessed that he made a false statement and that he was never hi-jacked.

Sentence: Two suspects were sentenced to seven years each for a House Robbery committed in May 2010 in Struben's Valley.

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