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Honeydew SAPS wants to send out the following warnings to the residents:

Bogus Salesmen: Residents are warned to be on the lookout for a group of four men pretending to be salesmen. The men are going around pressing the intercoms and if the gates are opened for them the residents are tied up and they are robbed. If the gates are not opened they then break in to the premises. DO NOT open your gates and doors for anyone and PLEASE inform your employees accordingly.

Traffic ticket scam: Residents are warned to be careful when they receive a phone a call to inform them that they have outstanding traffic fines. The caller (from an undisclosed number) will inform you that you have a traffic fine outstanding and that he is working for a special unit addressing outstanding traffic fines. The caller will keep on phoning you to “follow-up” and requests you to purchase him a “top up” voucher for his cellphone and that you must sms him the pin code as there is a warrant of arrest for you. Do NOT fall for this as no law enforcement officer should ask you to purchase airtime or anything for them. Should you receive a call check with the traffic department to see if you do have any outstanding fines.

Financial Scams: There has been a growing trend whereby people are being “conned out” of their hard earned cash or pensions. A number of the incidents have occurred at shopping centres and shopping malls where people (mostly senior citizens) are approached with the offer of “doubling their money” by entering a competition or scheme. There is also a group of foreign nationals who are aware that you are experiencing financial difficulties who will offer assistance in clearing your debt, but this they will do only once you have paid them a fee. DO NOT trust anyone who is offering to make you money or make your money problems disappear (there are no “get rich quick” schemes). Do not give any of your personal or bank details to anyone over the phone without doing your own verification.

Employing domestic/gardeners workers: When employing new domestic workers ensure that you get a copy of their I.D. as well as their physical address and details of their next of kin. Ensure that you do reference checks on prospective employees. If you have a worker in your employ you should have all their details with a copy of their I.D. on file. In recent cases there has been collaboration between the domestic worker and the suspects. You are advised not to discuss “everything” with your workers and do not keep a specific routine in your household. Try and vary times of leaving and returning to your premises.

The following extra Crime Prevention operations were held during the past week:

- Monday: Honeydew SAPS and 164 members of the SANDF conducted a Liquor and Taxi operation from 09:00 till 16:00 (526 vehicles, 1060 people and 25 shacks were searched).
- Wednesday: Honeydew SAPS (VISPOL and Detectives) raided problematic Contact crime hot spot areas in the precinct from 03:00 till 11:00. Four case dockets were opened for selling liquor without license and liquor to the value of R7000 confiscated and handed in.
- Thursday: Honeydew SAPS and 29 LAW Enforcement members raided shebeens in the precinct, three suspects were arrested and liquor to the value of R90 000-00 confiscated and handed in.

Friday: Honeydew SAPS, 14 members of SAPS POPS unit, 12 members of the SAPS TRT unit and 9 Patrollers conducted liquor raids, three suspects were arrested for Dealing in Liquor without a license and liquor to the value of R28 000-00 were confiscated and handed in.

Saturday and Sunday: High visibility operations in the Honeydew Precinct in preparation to the upcoming election

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