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### **HONEYDEW SAPS: 21 MAY 2012**

#### ***Business Robberies increasing:***

Businesses in the Precinct are again urged to be very careful and to sensitize their staff members around security at all times. Business robberies are still increasing and currently there is no specific time frame. In most of the robberies the suspects are “posing” as clients. While the staff is assisting the client he will then produce a firearm and demand money and personal belongings. DO NOT leave large amount of cash in the cash registers at any time of the day or night.

Staff members must be in possession of the local SAPS emergency phone numbers at all times, in order to contact us as soon as the suspects have left the scene to ensure an immediate response and to give out the necessary lookouts. Phone numbers must not just be saved on cell phones, as this is usually one of the items that the suspect will take. Rather place these numbers somewhere on paper where they are easily accessible in an emergency. Where possible try and place an “emergency” phone somewhere, out of sight, for the staff members to phone when there has been a crisis.

#### ***Smash and Grab incident:***

Drivers are warned to be very careful when sitting in the traffic during morning and evening “peak” hour. In one of the last incidents a lady was in the traffic on the Hans Schoeman Bridge when a suspect grabbed her property through her open vehicle window and he then ran down the embankment to the N1 highway where there was a getaway vehicle parked which was seen by a passing motorist.

#### ***House breaking suspects arrested:***

Three suspects driving a white Mercedes Benz were arrested after they broke into a property in Roodekrans. A lookout was received and all SAPS vehicles in and around the Roodekraans/Poortview area were alerted. A few minutes later the vehicle was spotted on Hendrik Potgieter Road. A chase ensued with members from the Provincial tracking unit and the Honeydew sector vehicle. The vehicle was pulled off on the corner of Hendrik Potgieter and Nic Diedericks Ave. Three suspects were arrested in possession of property that was stolen at the address in Roodekrans. Two of the suspects are twins aged 25 and the other suspect is 27 years of age. Honeydew and Roodepoort detectives are currently working on the case dockets and the suspects have been linked to seven other house breaking cases.

#### ***Suspicious vehicles to be on the lookout for:***

- ❖ Red Toyota Conquest with three occupants involved in “smash and grab” incidents.
- ❖ Blue VW Polo with three occupants involved in business robberies.

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