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## OCTOBER 2020 OVERVIEW

Overall, the number of incidents is almost flat year on year, and month to month

Cash remains the main target and armed robbery features regularly. Notably the recent incidents into November with more attacks on business premises and security companies.

Boreholes have been on the list this past month, and so have a look at security in this area if you have one.

For businesses, internal theft and fraud is on the rise. The losses usually take advantage of poor internal controls in stores and stock, poor or irregular stock count, poor fuel issue tracking, and a failure to control access ,and in a recent case password and software manipulation of stock and price codes .

Take time to walk through your business and check on your controls. Electronic and guarding systems will not prevent theft unless the controls are in place.

## MODUS OPERANDI

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## SECURITY ALERTS OCTOBER

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## OUTLOOK

Criminals are bolder and more prepared

The rain usually results in power outages, which in turn affects security systems and their up time

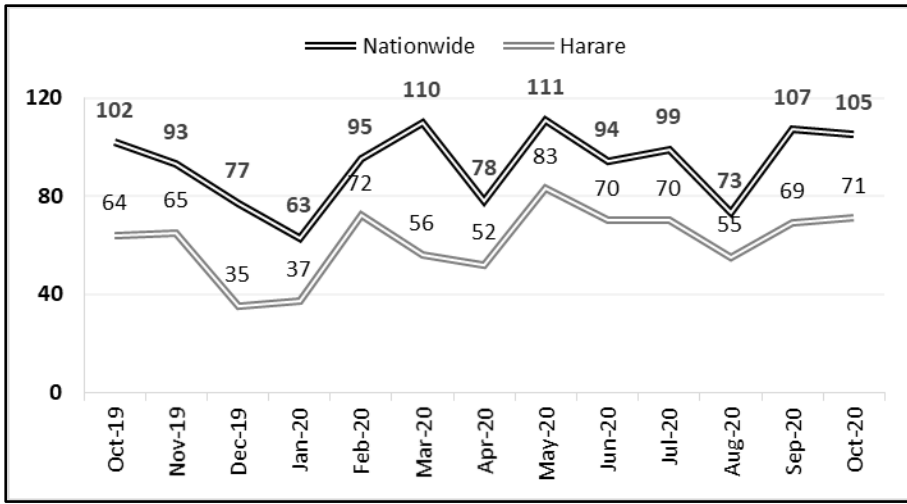
We can expect an escalation as we head into the end of the year. Please think now about your security requirements for the holiday period and take the time now to review your security plan to avoid a last-minute panic and rush in December

If you would like advice about your security, please do not hesitate to give us a call

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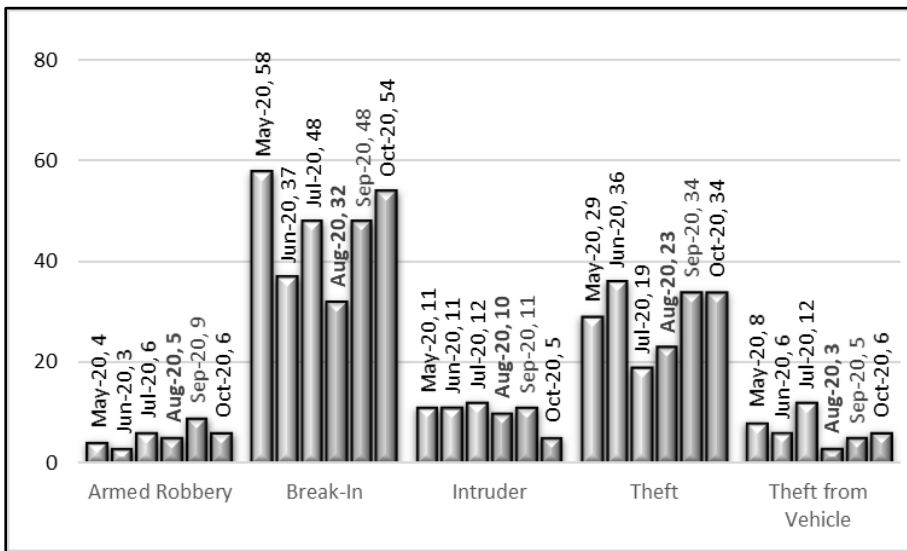
**NATIONWIDE AND HARARE CRIME STATS**



**HIGH-RISK AREAS**

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**CRIME BREAKDOWN BY MONTH**



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**TARGETS**

Hard cash remains a popular target amongst criminals and it is most likely to be increasingly targeted as we approach the festive season and during the festive season. Individuals that handle large amounts of foreign currency or operate or own businesses that have a high foreign currency turnover remain vulnerable targets.

Electronic appliances and gadgets such as televisions, microwaves and laptops are increasingly being targeted at residential sites.

Criminals are digging up borehole pumps and equipment on premises during break-in and theft incidents.

**MODUS OPERANDI**

Durawalls remain the most common access point onto a premise. Property owners should ensure that they install sensors in their yards for early intrusion warning.

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**OUTLOOK**

With criminals targeting security companies and the ambulance theft that was reported in Bulawayo, it is evident that criminals are getting bolder and crime is also more opportunistic.

As the borders reopen, border towns and nearby cities should expect a surge in crime as criminals target individuals travelling by road. Travellers should desist from travelling at night and ensure that they do not carry large amounts of money on them.

Prevention is better than cure, contact Safeguard for a walk through your security at home or business, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

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**OCTOBER 2020 INCIDENT SUMMARIES**

Harare						
Suburb	Robbery	Break-In	Intruder	Theft	Theft from Vehicle	Total
Alexandra Park	1	1				2
Ardbennie		1				1
Arlington				1		1
Arundel				1		1
Avenues				1		1
Avondale				2		2
Ballantyne Park		1				1
Belvedere		1				1
Borrowdale	1	1		1		3
Budiriro		1				1
Chisipite		2		1		3
Dzivarasekwa		2				2
Eastlea		2				2
Emerald Hill				1		1
Graniteside		1		1		2
Greendale	1	1				2
Greystone Park		1		2		3
Groombridge		1				1
Highlands		1	2			3
Hillside		2				2
Hogerty Hill		1				1
Kuwadzana		1				1
<b>Mandara</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
Mbare		1				1
Mount Pleasant		3				3
<b>Msasa</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
Newlands		1				1
Northwood				1		1
Rolf Valley		1		1		2
Quinnington			1			1
<b>Southerton</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>
Sunway City		1				1
The Grange		1				1
Tynwald		1				1
Vainona		1				1
Waterfalls		3				3
Willowvale				1		1
Matabeleland						
Belmont		1		1	1	3
City Centre - Bulawayo				1		1
Fairbridge				1		1
Inyati				1		1
Killarney				1		1
Matshobana		1				1
Mzilikazi		1				1
Northend		1		1	1	3
Thorngrove		2		1		3
Mashonaland East						
Ruwa	1	1				2
Mashonaland West						
Mount Hampden			1			1
Masvingo						
City Centre		1				1
Morningside		1				1

Rhodene				1		1
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City Centre		1	1	3		5
Morningside		1				1
Nyakamete		1		4	1	6
<b>Midlands</b>						
City Centre		1				1
Gweru East					1	1

**HARARE**

**21 October 2020, Armed Robbery, Residential Site, Guest Avenue, Alexandra Park:** Five (5) male intruders who were armed with handguns, gained access onto the premises via an undisclosed access point. The intruders tied up the occupants and ordered them to surrender the car keys whilst demanding money. The intruders took money from two (2) vehicles before taking cellphones, a laptop and a pair of shoes which they removed from one (1) of the individuals and fled the scene. *No information on alarm system on site.*

**22 October 2020, Robbery, Residential Site, Wadham Lane, Borrowdale:** At approximately 22:00, an unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and tied up the occupants. The intruders removed a pistol from a safe and took a cellphone from the premises before fleeing the scene. One (1) of the occupants managed to press the panic button after the intruders had fled the scene. *The panic signal was received response team was dispatched to the site.*

**02 October 2020, Attempted Break-in - Robbery, Residential Site, Lillesdon Road, Greendale:** Four (4) masked intruders cut the electric fence and accessed the premises. The intruders found one (1) of the residents outside the house and proceeded to attack him. Another resident who was inside the house, heard the commotion and triggered the alarm and also pressed the panic button. The intruders fled the scene empty handed. No injuries reported. *Alarm signals received, response team dispatched.*

**08 October 2020, Armed Robbery, Residential Site, Pringle Road, Mandara:** At around midnight, three (3) masked intruders jumped over the durawall and forced opened the dining room window. The intruders who were armed with a firearm, tied up and assaulted a female resident before taking the car and gate keys. The intruders demanded money but the resident didn't have any money. The intruders took a Honda Ballade registration ABT 5830 and fled the scene. The Safeguard Response team attended the scene after a response client alerted Safeguard of the incident after the fact.

**31 October 2020, Robbery, Residential Site, Wallis Road, Mandara:** At approximately 20:00, five (5) male intruders jumped over the durawall and used a bolt-cutter to break open the window and the burglar bars. The intruders tied up the residents and took money, a speaker, two (2) laptops, three (3) cellphones, jewellery and three (3) torches from the house before fleeing the scene. The alarm was not yet armed at the time of the incident. The client triggered the alarm after the incident and the response team was deployed to the premises.

**12 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Sandringham Road, Alexandra Park:** An unknown number of intruders scaled over the back durawall and forced open the kitchen door. The alarm activated and the intruders fled the scene empty-handed. Response team dispatched to site.

**05 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Spurn Road, Ardbennie:** Seven (7) intruders accessed the premises after breaking through the gate with an iron bar. An alert guard saw the intruders and pressed the panic button whilst raising alarm for help. The intruders fled the scene without any goods from the premises.

**01 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Wellburn Drive, Ballantyne Park:** An unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall and attempted to remove the gate motor. The client phoned the response team and team was dispatched. No alarm sensors near gate.

**07 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Charles Olley Crescent, Belvedere:** An unknown number of intruders cut through the fence and forced open a bedroom window. The alarm activated and intruders fled the scene empty-handed. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched.*

- 07 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Franco Close, Borrowdale:** Three (3) suspects in a Honda Fit (colour and registration number undisclosed) attempted to break into one (1) of the houses. Alert guards (external guard) saw the suspects and foiled the attempt.
- 23 October 2020, Break-in - Arrest by Safeguard, Base Station, Unnamed Street, Budiro:** Two (2) employees who are contracted on site, forcibly opened the palisade bars and attempted to remove property from the premises. The alarm activated and the response team was dispatched. The response team managed to apprehend the individuals who were then handed over to the police. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched.*
- 30 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Harare Drive, Chisipite:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the kitchen window and removed a kitchen radio from the site. The client called the control room after the incident and the response team was dispatched. *No alarm activation received as the system was not armed.*
- 26 October 2020, Break-in, Base Station, 1st Street and Tamuka Street, Dzivarasekwa:** An unknown number of intruders broke through the palisade bars causing the alarm to activate. The response team was deployed to the site and upon arrival the team found the battery cage open, unlocked and with no batteries inside.
- 26 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Base Station, Takawira Avenue and Makuchete Road, Dzivaresekwa:** An unknown number of intruders broke through the palisade bars causing the alarm to activate. The intruders covered one (1) of the cameras with a work-suit but fled the scene empty-handed when the response team arrived on site. The external guard who was manning the site claimed to be sleeping in a nearby pit when the incident happened.
- 25 October 2020, Break-in, Commercial Site, McClery Avenue, Eastlea:** An unknown number of intruders broke through the durawall and removed three (3) 5000 litres water tanks from the premises. There were no alarm sensors were the water tanks were setup. The client triggered the alarm after discovering the theft.
- 10 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Northampton Crescent, Eastlea:** An unknown number of intruders gained access onto the property and forced open the door of a cottage on site. The intruders removed a television and groceries from the cottage before fleeing the scene. The occupant of the house was not home when the incident occurred. He triggered the alarm upon his return when he noticed the break-in and the response team was dispatched. The occupant informed that the main entrance door had been by-passed and that only the windows had been armed.
- 30 October 2020, Attempted Break-in – Arrest by Safeguard, Industrial Site, Shepperton, Graniteside:** Two (2) intruders arrived on site and started breaking through the durawall panels. An alert guard heard the noise and the response team was dispatched to the site. The response team managed to apprehend the intruders and the intruders were handed over to the police.
- 11 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Greendale Avenue, Greendale:** An unknown number of intruders cut through the electric fence and broke a small window. The intruders fled the scene when the alarm activated.
- 27 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Wooton Road, Greystone Park:** An alarm activated on site and the control room called the resident. The keyholder informed the control-room that all was in order and that he would report back if there were issues on site. After five (5) minutes, the resident called back and requested the response team as he had seen intruders jumping over the durawall. The response team was dispatched and upon arrival it was discovered that the intruders had removed a control panel and battery for the gate motor.
- 24 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Commercial Site, The Chase, Groombridge:** An unknown number of intruders removed a durawall panel and electric fence before forcing open the main office door. The intruders removed money, a safe-box, fan and backup power lights from the building. The alarm activated during the intrusion and the response team was dispatched to the site. When the response team arrived, the intruders fled the scene and dumped the stolen goods, including the money in yard
- 29 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Pevensey Road, Highlands:** An unknown number of intruders took advantage of a function on site and entered the premises. The intruders forced open a window and removed a laptop and hard drive from a building on site. The incident was discovered after the function. *Internal guard on site.*
- 19 October 2020, Break-in, Entertainment Centre, Southey Road, Hillside:** An unknown number of intruders forcibly entered the premises and removed a crate of alcohol from the site. The alarm activated and the response team was dispatched to the site.
- 05 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Entertainment Centre, Southey Road, Hillside:** An unknown number of intruders gained access onto the premises and attempted to open one of the doors but failed to open the door through the screen. The alarm activated as the intruders were tampering with the door and the intruders fled the scene.

**18 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Larkrise Road, Hogerty Hill:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and entered the house through an undisclosed access point. The intruders removed a television, radio, a tablet from the lounge and a handbag and a laptop from the bedroom.

**05 October 2020, Break-in - Assault, Base Station, Crowborough, Kuwadzana:** An unknown number of intruders attacked an external guard that was manning the site and forced open the palisade bars and accessed the generator tank. The intruders drained fuel and fled the scene. The client called the control room and the response team was dispatched. The guard was hospitalised due to the injuries sustained during the attack.

**14 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site Terenure Road, Mandara:** An unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall and entered the veranda which wasn't locked. The intruders forced open the sliding door causing the alarm to activate. The intruders fled the scene empty handed. The resident called the control room and the response team was dispatched.

**06 October 2020, Break-in, Retail Site, Magaba, Mbare:** An unknown number of intruders broke the cash office door and vandalised the alarm keypad causing the alarm to activate. The intruders fled the scene empty-handed. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched, external guard on site.*

**16 October 2020, Break-in, Commercial Site, Upper East Road, Mount Pleasant:** An unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall and forced open the sliding door. The intruders removed a refrigerator, a projector and microwave from the building. The microwave was recovered inside the premises. The alarm did not activate and the client called the control-room requesting the response team.

**01 October 2020, Attempted Break-in – Arrest, Residential Site, The Chase Road, Mount Pleasant:** A male intruder cut the electric fence and accessed the site. An alert private guard saw the intruder and apprehended him. No losses were reported on site. The client presses the panic button and the response team was dispatched to the site. *Panic signal received, response team dispatched.*

**01 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Cannock Road, Mount Pleasant:** An unknown number of intruders cut the electric fence and attempted to access the site. The alarm activated and the intruders fled the scene. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched.*

**12 October 2020, Attempted Break-in - Assault, Industrial Site, Martin Drive, Msasa:** Seven (7) intruders jumped over the durawall and assaulted the guard before tying him up. Nearby guards pressed the panic button and the intruders fled the scene empty-handed upon the reaction team's arrival.

**04 October 2020, Break-in, Industrial Site, Martin Drive, Msasa:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises via an undisclosed access point. The intruders tied up one (1) of the guards and took his guarding equipment, wallet and cellphone. A second guard saw the intruders and pressed the panic button. The intruders fled the scene without removing anything from the premises. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched.*

**02 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Williams Way, Msasa:** Five (5) intruders broke the durawall panels at a neighbouring property and removed a trolley and ladder from the site. Thereafter, the intruders accessed the client property but the alarm activated upon the intrusion. The intruders fled the scene empty-handed. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched to site.*

**07 October 2020, Break-in, Retail Site, Unnamed Street, Newlands:** An unknown number of intruders broke through the front glass door and removed two (2) gas cylinders and four (4) microwaves from the site. The alarm activated and the response team was dispatched to the site.

**07 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Hathaway Close, Rolf Valley:** An unknown number of intruders damaged the gate and removed the control panel and battery before fleeing the scene. The alarm activated and the response team was deployed to the site.

**30 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Plymouth Road, Southerton:** An unknown number of intruders cut the electric fence and attempted to gain access onto the premises. The alarm activated and the intruders fled the scene. No losses yet reported. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched to the site.*

**23 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Corner Highfield and Swiss Road, Southerton:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to force open the rail gate and failed. The incident was discovered the next morning and a check was conducted. It was discovered that a computer mouse had been removed from the site but it's uncertain at what point the theft occurred. *Guard on site.*

**04 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Residential Site, Ventersburg Road, Sunway City:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and proceeded to break a window on site. The intruders failed to open the burglar bars and managed to enter the house through the kitchen door. The alarm activated and the intruders fled the scene empty handed. The response team found personal belongings including baby blankets, a satchel, a wireless radio and soap scattered on the premises. It is believed the suspects left behind a satchel and an old phone on site.

**07 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Drew Road, The Grange:** An unknown number of suspects accessed the premises and removed the gate motor.

**24 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Tynwald Road, Tynwald:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and broke a small window. The intruders removed an undisclosed amount of angle iron bars from the building. An alert guard saw the intruders and the intruders fled the scene, leaving behind the angle iron bars.

**16 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Liffey Close, Vainona:** An unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall and removed two (2) sensors from the gate.

**28 October 2020, Break-in, Base Station, Unnamed Street, Waterfalls:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the palisade bars causing the alarm to activate and the response team was dispatched to the site. The intruders forced open the generator and removed 25litres of diesel from the generator. Upon the response team's arrival, the intruders fled the scene leaving behind the diesel and a hose pipe inside the generator.

**27 October 2020, Break-in, Base Station, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Cheviot Avenue, Waterfalls:** An unknown number of intruders broke through the palisade bars causing the alarm to activate and the response team was dispatched to the site. The intruders covered one (1) camera with a work suit jacket, forced open the generator and removed an undisclosed amount of fuel from the site. The intruders fled the scene.

**13 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Simon Mazorodze Road, Waterfalls:** An unknown number of intruders cut the electric fence and jumped over the durawall. The alarm activated but the signal was not received. The intruders attempted to remove planks from the premises. An alert guard saw the intruders and the intruders fled the scene. The client called the control-room and the response team was deployed to the site.

**11 October 2020, Theft, Commercial Site, Arlington:** An unknown number of intruders access the premises via an undisclosed access point and took the keys to one (1) of the houses.

**16 October 2020, Theft, Commercial Site, Arundel Road, Arundel:** An unknown number of intruders siphoned fuel from a bus and generator on site.

**14 October 2020, Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Commercial Site, Mazowe Street, Avenues:** A contractor was apprehended by a guard after attempting to remove ten (10) litres of oil paint from the premises.

**15 October 2020, Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Commercial Site, Howden Close and Cambridge Road, Avondale:** An alert guard found three (3) jack hammers and two (2) batteries concealed outside the durawall. A red Nissan X-Trail was parked outside the premises and the guard approached the driver. It occurred to the guard that the driver was one (1) of the individuals stealing from the premises and the guard managed to discreetly called the control-room for backup. The response team was deployed to the site and two (2) individuals were apprehended, including an employee on site.

**15 October 2020, Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Howden Close, Avondale:** An alert guard apprehended an employee who had removed two (2) batteries and pressure pipes from the premises.

**13 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Pear Tree Close, Borrowdale:** Intruders jumped over the durawall and removed two (2) sensors from the premises and fled the scene. The occupant premises the panic button and the response team was dispatched to the site.

**23 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Cardinal Road, Chisipite:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and removed a water meter from the site and fled the scene. The residents discovered the theft when they woke up and triggered the alarm. The alarm signal was received and the response team was dispatched to the site.

**29 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Berkshire Road, Emerald Hill:** An unknown number of intruders removed a handheld radio, a torch from the premises.



**11 October 2020, Theft, Commercial Site, Seke Road, Graniteside:** An alert guard called the control room and informed them of an ongoing theft on site. A supervisor was dispatched to the site and an unknown number of intruders were scene removing property including a borehole pump and tools from the site. The intruders attempted to flee the scene and the supervisor gave chase. One (1) intruder was arrested whilst the others fled the scene in the intruder's vehicle, ramming the gate in the process. Some of the goods were recovered by the guards.

**26 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Edstone Road, Greystone Park:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises via an undisclosed point (most likely jumped over the durawall) and dug out a borehole pump and its accessories. *No alarm on site.*

**03 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Warwick Road, Greystone Park:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises via an undisclosed point (most likely jumped over the durawall) and dug out a borehole pump and its accessories.

**27 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Wooton Road, Greystone Park:** An alarm activated on site and the control room called the resident. The keyholder informed the control-room that all was in order and that he would report back if there were issues on site. After five (5) minutes, the resident called back and requested the response team as he had seen intruders jumping over the durawall. The response team was dispatched and upon arrival it was discovered that the intruders had removed a control panel and battery for the gate motor.

**07 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Houghton Close, Mandara:** An unknown number of intruders pulled copper wire (approximately 100m of wire) from an electricity pole on site and fled the scene. The resident heard the noise and pressed the panic button. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched.*

**03 October 2020, Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Industrial Site, Williams Way, Msasa:** An employee was found in possession of a concealed shifting spanner and vice chip which he had concealed in a satchel.

**16 October 2020, Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Industrial Site, Williams Way, Msasa:** A driver was apprehended on-site after attempting to steal fuel from the premises.

**27 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Braemar Avenue, Northwood:** An unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall and removed a gas tank and a two-plate stove that had been left outside a cottage on site.

**07 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Hathaway Close, Rolf Valley:** An unknown number of intruders damaged the gate and removed the control panel and battery before fleeing the scene. The alarm activated and the response team was deployed to the site.

**19 October 2020, Theft from Vehicle, Industrial Site, Lytton Road, Southerton:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and removed a tent from the vehicle parked outside the premises.

**07 October 2020, Theft from Vehicle, Residential Site, Cockington Road, Mandara:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises via an undisclosed access point and forcibly opened a vehicle parked on site. The intruders removed undisclosed belongings and fled the scene.

**29 October 2020, Theft from Vehicle, Industrial Site, Martin Drive, Msasa:** An unknown number of intruders gained access onto the premises and removed a battery from a truck parked on site. The driver of the truck is alleged to have been sleeping inside the truck when the incident happened. No signs of forced entry were reported. *Guards on site.*

**08 October 2020, Theft - Arrest, Fast-food Outlet, Simon Mazorodze, Southerton:** An arrest was made on site after an intruder stole a cellphone from the site. Reaction team was deployed to the site to assist the guard on duty with the arrest.

**05 October 2020, Theft – Assault, Industrial Site, Affirmative Way, Willowvale:** Alert guards apprehended some contract workers who had stolen metal from the premises. The contract workers resisted the apprehension and became violent and eventually evaded arrest.

**25 October 2020, Intruder, Residential Site, Harris Road, Highlands:** An alert guard saw an intruder climbing a tree (possibly trying to access the premises). The guard raised alarm requested the response team. By the time the response team arrived, the intruders had fled the scene.

**07 October 2020, Intrusion, Residential Site, Montgomery Road, Highlands:** A Safeguard client called the control room requesting that the response team respond to a neighbouring site which had intruders on site. When the response team arrived, the resident informed the team that two (2) intruders had been seen inside the premises. No losses reported.

**04 October 2020, Intrusion, Residential Site, Armthwaite Road, Quinington:** The resident pressed the panic button after noticing an intruder in the yard. The response team was dispatched to the site. The intruder had fled the scene when the response team arrived.

## MASHONALAND EAST

**22 October 2020, Attempted Armed Robbery, Industrial Site, Munhondo Road, Ruwa:** At approximately 01:00, an unknown number of intruders dug under the durawall panels to access the premises. The intruders accosted one (1) of the private guards and when the guard resisted, the intruders struck him in the head with a metal bar and tied him up. When a neighbouring guard heard noise in the contract, the guard called the private guard's cellphone to inquire if everything was alright. The intruders ordered the private guard to answer the call and report that all was in order. The neighbouring guard proceeded to call the property owner who in turn called Safeguard Response. When the Response team arrived, the intruders fired several warning shots and proceeded to break through the reception window, entered the building and used explosives to blast one (1) of the safes. The safe did not open and the intruders failed to remove the contents. The response team called for backup and the intruders fled the scene empty handed. The private guard sustained injuries and was taken to a hospital.

**01 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, Maputi Road, Ruwa:** An unknown number of intruders accessed the premises and broke a window in an effort to enter a building on site. An alert guard heard the noise and pressed the panic button causing the alarm to activate. The intruder fled the scene and no losses were reported. *Alarm signal received, response team dispatched to site.*

## MASHONALAND WEST

**22 October 2020, Intrusion, Mining Site, Unnamed Road, Mount Hampden:** An alert guard saw a group of intruders attempting to cut trees on site. The guard raised alarm and the intruders fled the scene.

## MATABELELAND

**19 October 2020, Break-in, Mining Site, Unnamed Road, City Centre:** An unknown number of intruders cut the electric fence and attempted to enter the premises. An alert guard saw the breached access point and searched the premises at which point the intruders fled the scene.

**29 October 2020, Break-in, Base Station, Gampu Road, Matshobana:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the palisade bars and removed batteries from the premises.

**14 October 2020, Break-in, Base Station, Nelson Mandela Square, Mzilikazi:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the palisade bars and siphoned an undisclosed amount of diesel from the site.

**21 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Retail Site, Woodstock Road, Thorngrove:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to force open the main door causing the alarm to activate. The intruders fled the scene empty-handed.

**02 October 2020, Break-in, Base Station, Knobthorn Road, Thorngrove:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to force open the main door causing the alarm to activate. The intruders fled the scene empty-handed.

**03 October 2020, Theft, Retail Site, Doncaster Road, Belmont:** An unknown number of intruders removed a tin of paint from the premises and fled the scene.

**28 October 2020, Theft, Retail Site, Corner Leopold Takawira Avenue and Herbert Chitepo, City Centre:** An unknown number of intruders removed clothing from the site and fled the scene.

**07 October 2020, Theft, Industrial Site, Harare Road and Fairbridge Road, Fairbridge:** An unknown number of intruders removed a crate of beer from the premises and fled the scene.

**11 October 2020, Attempted Theft, Mining Site, Unnamed Road, Inyati:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to steal a battery from the site.

**19 October 2020, Attempted Theft, Mining Site, Coghlan Avenue, Killarney:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to remove barbed wire from the premises before they were disturbed by alert guard.

**05 October 2020, Theft, Residential Site, Lady Stanley Avenue, Northend:** An unknown number of intruders removed two (2) solar panels from the site and fled the scene.

**10 October 2020, Theft, Industrial Site, Bon Accord Avenue, Steeldale:** An intruder gained access to the site and stole an undisclosed number of beverages from the site and fled the scene in a vehicle of an undisclosed make and colour.

**25 October 2020, Theft, Industrial Site, Khami Road, Thorngrove:** An unknown number of intruders removed four (4) tyres from the site and fled scene.

**28 October 2020, Theft from Vehicle, Industrial Site, Plumtree Road, Belmont:** An unknown number of suspects followed the complainant from the bank to an undisclosed location. When the complainant parked his vehicle, a company car, the suspects parked their vehicle, a silver Honda Fit without a registration number plate next to his vehicle. One (1) of the suspects opened his door and took his satchel which had an undisclosed amount of money and fled the scene.

**11 October 2020, Theft from Vehicle, Lady Stanley Avenue, Northend:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to force open a vehicle parked on site. No losses reported.

## MANICALAND

**06 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Retail Site, Herbert Chitepo Street, City Centre:** An unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall and attempted to force open the back door. The alarm activated and the intruders fled the scene.

**27 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Commercial Site, Second Street, City Centre:** Three (3) intruders broke through the durawall panels and attempted to remove batteries from a tipper truck. An alert guard saw the intruders and raise alarm and pressed the panic button. The intruders fled the scene upon the response team's arrival.

**24 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Pine Close, Morningside:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the screen door after jumping over the durawall. The intruders removed gate keys, a television, laptop and three (3) cellphones from the premises. It appears the alarm was not armed at the time of the incident and the occupants only managed to press the panic button after the incident had occurred. The response team was deployed to the site.

**19 October 2020, Attempted Break-in, Industrial Site, New Castle Road, Nyakamete:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to force open a warehouse door but they were interrupted by alert guards. The intruders fled the scene as the guards raised the control room for assistance.

**19 October 2020, Attempted Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Retail Site, Herbert Chitepo Street, City Centre:** An alert guard managed to apprehend an individual who had stolen clothing from the site.

**31 October 2020, Attempted Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, Commercial Site, Herbert Chitepo Street, City Centre:** One (1) intruder was apprehended after stealing two (2) cellphones from contractors on site.

**28 October 2020, Theft, Commercial Site, Herbert Chitepo, City Centre:** An unknown number of intruders removed a hose pipe and buckets from the premises.

**27 October 2020, Attempted Theft, Retail Site, Glasgow Road, Nyakamete:** An alert guard recovered several tins of canned food that had been stolen from the store and hidden under a vehicle parked on site.

**15 October 2020, Attempted Theft – Arrest by Safeguard, St Helens Drive, Nyakamete:** An alert guard apprehended an employee who attempted to leave the premises with a bottle of degreaser that he had concealed in his pocket.

**25 October 2020, Attempted Theft, Industrial Site, St Helens Drive, Nyakamete:** A patrolling guard recovered a container of grease that had been taken from the premises and thrown over the durawall.

**31 October 2020, Attempted Theft, Industrial Site, St Helens Drive, Nyakamete:** An alert guard managed to recover pieces of timber after a contractor on site tried to illegally remove them from the premises.

**15 October 2020, Theft from Vehicle, Industrial Site, Tameside Close, Nyakamete:** An unknown number of intruders forcibly entered the premises and removed two (2) batteries from a truck parked on site. One (1) of the batteries was recovered outside the premises although it was now deformed.

## MASVINGO

**22 October 2020, Break-in, Retail Site, Unnamed Street, City Centre:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the back door and removed an undisclosed amount of money from the site.

**25 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Amythst Drive, Morningside:** An unknown number of intruders forced open the front door and removed cellphones and a television from the site and fled the scene.

**30 October 2020, Attempted Theft, Industrial Site, Mineral Road, Rhodene:** An unknown number of suspects accessed the premises and forced open a locked drawer. No signs of forced entry were reported. No losses were reported.

## MIDLANDS

### GWERU

**03 October 2020, Break-in, Residential Site, Unnamed Road, Gweru:** An unknown number of intruders forcibly entered the premises, slaughtered some chickens that were in the fowl run. The resident triggered the alarm and the intruders fled the scene. A total of 89 chickens were slaughtered during the incident.

**03 October 2020, Attempted Theft from Vehicle, Public Location, Mvuma Road, Gweru East:** An unknown number of intruders attempted to Force open a broken-down vehicle, no losses were reported on site.