

OVERVIEW

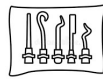
- Criminal incidents have decreased 20.97% since Jul.
- 26.5% of all incidents targeted residential premises. This is slightly down from July but is up from earlier in the year. While it is slightly down, we should remain aware.
- Most criminal activity reported is between 1700 – 0500hrs.
- Weak perimeters are the primary concern, and properties with security systems not activated or maintained.
- Most clients who have experienced loss of property but utilized a combination of layers (alarm and response systems) have seen minimal loss of property.
- Armed robberies have decreased since July. Police have reported the arrest of several people involved in armed robberies.
- The use of firearms remains a constant around those incidents targeting cash.

MODUS OPERANDI/METHOD OF EXECUTION AND TARGETED ITEMS



Common Access Points

- Sections of Durawall with easy access over the top or electric fencing or razor wire in disrepair.
- Durawall with topguarding is being bypassed by breaking weak sections of the wall.
- Roof where there is easy access to it .
- Doors and windows that are not secure, and burglar bars that are easy to bend.



Tools and Weapons

- Angle grinders
- Bolt cutters
- Explosives
- Pistols
- Rifles
- Machetes
- Knives



Targeted Items

- Money
- Laptops
- Cell Phones
- Solar inverters and solar batteries
- Diesel Fuel
- Vehicle Batteries

HIGH RISK SITUATIONS

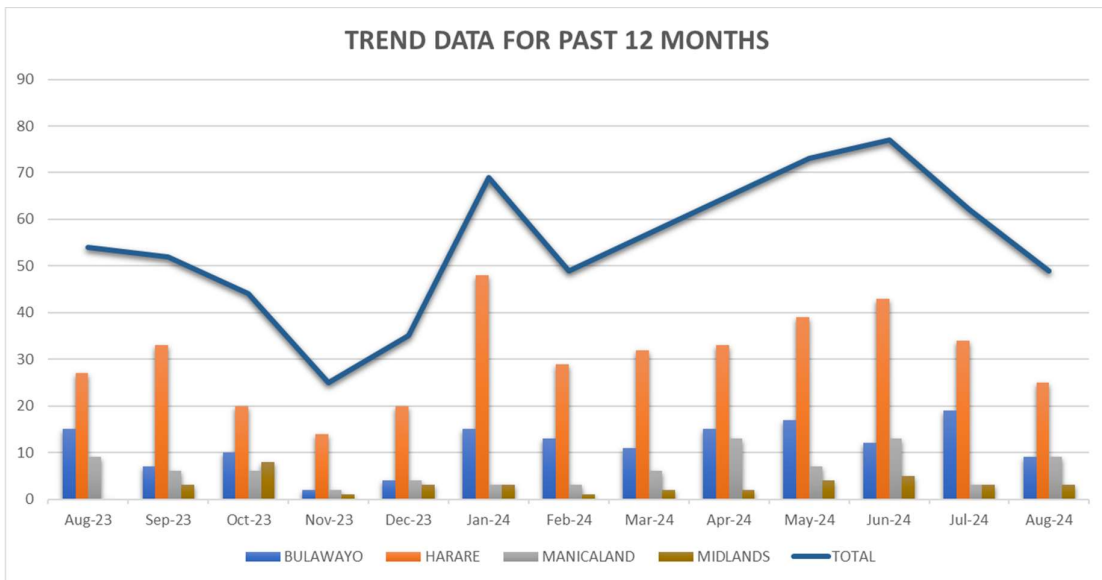
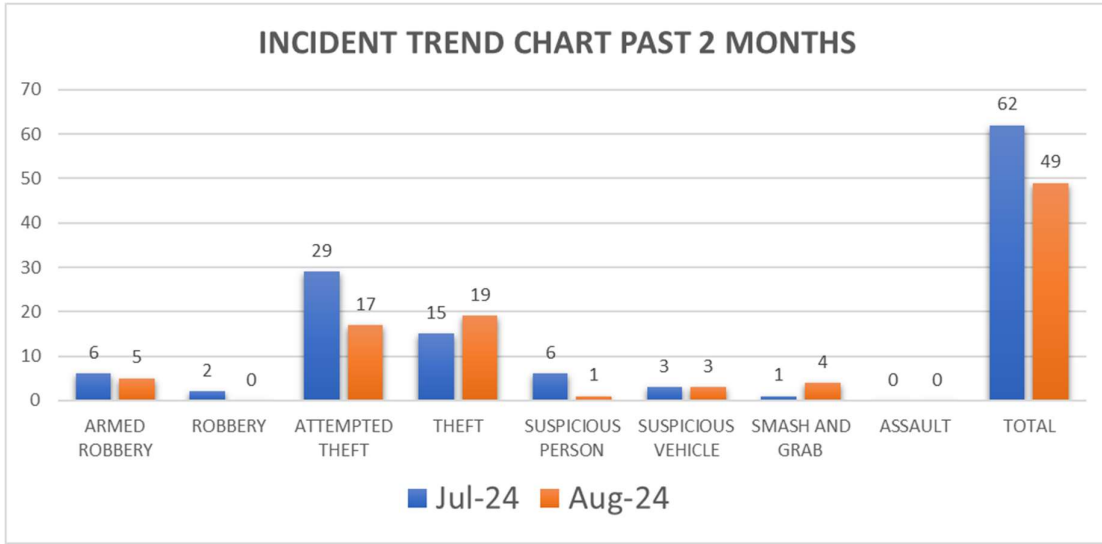
Business Sites:

- Businesses who keep large sums of cash on site.
- Fuel storage tanks that are unsecured.
- Weak perimeter and detection.
- Roofs that do not have motion sensors installed.

Residential Sites:

- Weak perimeter and easy access.
- Alarm systems not armed.
- Weak window, door locks, and barriers.
- Cottages on property with no alarm coverage.
- Houses undergoing renovations with no security measures on site.

CRIME STATS



MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

PROVINCE	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	2024 TOTAL	2023 TOTAL
BULAWAYO	15	7	10	2	4	15	13	11	15	17	12	19	9	54	168
HARARE	27	33	20	14	20	48	29	32	33	39	43	34	25	142	328
MANICALAND	9	6	6	2	4	3	3	6	13	7	13	3	9	25	71
MASH CENTRAL	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	0	-	-	2	3
MASH EAST	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	2	4	14
MASH WEST	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	15
MASHVINGO	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	8
MATABELELAND	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	0	4
MATABELELAND NORTH	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	0	-	-	2	0
MIDLANDS	-	3	8	1	3	3	1	2	2	4	5	3	3	8	44
TOTAL	54	52	44	25	35	69	49	57	65	73	77	62	49	240	655

TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN

BULAWAYO									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THE FT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
AVENUE				1					1
ENTUMBANE			1						1
ILANDA				1					1
KELVIN NORTH			2						2
KILLARNEY			1						1
MAKOKOBA			1						1
NKETA				1					1
SUBURBS			1						1
TOTAL	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	9

TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN (CONT.)

HARARE									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
ALEXANDRA PARK				1					1
ASPINDALE				1					1
AVONDALE WEST				1					1
BALLENTYNE PARK	1								1
BLUFFHILL			1						1
BORROWDALE				2					2
GLEN NORAH A	1								1
GREENDALE				2					2
GREYSTONE PARK						1			1
HIGHLANDS							2		2
HILLSIDE			1						1
LOCHINVAR			1						1
MABELREIGN							1		1
MILTON PARK				1					1
MSASA				2					2
ROLF VALLEY							1		1
RUWA						1			1
SHAWASHA HILLS						1			1
SOUTHERTON				1					1
WESTGATE	1		1						2
TOTAL	3	0	4	11	0	3	4	0	25
MANICALAND									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
MUTARE	1		4	3	1				9
TOTAL	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	9
MASHONALAND EAST									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
MARONDERA			2						2
TOTAL	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN (CONT.)

MASHVINGO									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
MASVINGO	1								1
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MIDLANDS									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
GWERU			1	1					2
KWEKWE				1					1
TOTAL	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3

OUTLOOK

Crime overall has decreased significantly, and we should see this trend continues into November judging on past trends and start to increase again over the Christmas Holiday. The ZIG parallel rate is moving, and this will have an impact if it continues. Collusive theft and fraud have risen over the last two months.

GENERAL ADVISORY

While crime has decreased over the past few months now is the time to remain security conscious. Test your alarm systems weekly and schedule any maintenance or upgrades with our teams before the Christmas holiday season. The data shows that those that use their security systems suffer less loss. A simple upgrade to your existing alarm (no need to buy new) will make it easier to use your system via our AJAX alarm app, and you will then be more likely to use your system. Ajax hub can utilize your existing wired sensors to provide you with an alarm system you can manage from your phone anywhere with an internet link.

The advisory is to look at internal systems and checks and the financial ratios related to the business. These may well have been ignored in the skewed currency reporting. With the past 4 months of stability ratios have more meaning and if investigated will be useful.

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PROVINCE BREAKDOWN OF CRIME

Bulawayo

Attempted Theft – 13 Aug 2024, 0850hrs, Entumbane, Bulawayo: At a business site a guard observed a shoplifter attempting to hide goods inside of their jacket. The guard searched the shoplifter and recovered the goods. The shoplifter was taken to ZRP Entumbane.

Attempted Theft – 14 Aug 2024, 0230hrs, Suburbs, Bulawayo: At a business site an intruder jumped over the durawall to gain access to the property. Upon landing the intruder noticed the guard on site and promptly jumped back over the wall fleeing from the site. No property was reported stolen.

Theft – 15 Aug 2024, 2230hrs, Ilanda, Bulawayo: At a residential site an unknown number of intruders opened the door to the house. Once inside they stole a laptop and a bag containing personal documents.

Attempted Theft – 21 Aug 2024, 0600hrs, Kelvin North, Bulawayo: At a business site an unknown number of intruders cut the fence to gain access the premises. Upon entering the intruders were disturbed by the guards patrolling the property and fled from the scene. No property was reported stolen.

Theft – 22 Aug 2024, 0400hrs, Avenue, Bulawayo: At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the building by smashing the glass door. The alarm system was not triggered due to a power outage. While inside the intruders made their way to the freezer and stole meat.

Attempted Theft – 24 Aug 2024, 0145hrs, Makokoba, Bulawayo: At a business site an unknown number of intruders entered the site with the intention of steal chickens. The intruders were putting chickens into an empty sack when they were interrupted by the reaction team and made their escape over the fence leaving behind the chickens.

Theft – 24 Aug 2024, 0204hrs, Nketa, Bulawayo: At a business site an intruder cut the burglar bars and gained access to the office and stole groceries which were delivered the day prior. The intruder had knowledge of where sensors were located, but as he entered another office, he triggered the alarm fleeing the site with the items he had stolen.

Attempted Theft – 27 Aug 2024, 2320hrs, Kelvin North, Bulawayo: At a business site an unknown number of intruders cut the electrical fence to gain access to the premises. The intruders attempted to enter the building but failed and fled from the site. No property was reported stolen.

Attempted Theft – 27 Aug 2024, 2340hrs, Killarney, Bulawayo: At a business site an unknown number of intruders attempted to mine illegally. The intruders were found to have fled from the site leaving behind their tools.

Harare

Smash and Grab – 02 Aug 2024, 0200hrs, Mabelreign, Harare: At a residential site a panic signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. An intruder was found on site after the client drove onto the property. The intruder fled after breaking into a parked vehicle in the opened garage. No property was stolen.

Armed Robbery – 01 Aug 2024, 2030hrs, Ballantyne Park, Harare: At a residential site two intruders armed with a knife and a broom entered the property through unknown means. They entered the house where the client was and bound the occupants inside. One person was hit in the face and sustained minor injuries. The intruder searched the house and stole USD cash, shoes, clothes, cell phones, and other small items. The incident was reported to the local police station.

Smash and Grab – 04 Aug 2024, 1305hrs, Rolf Valley, Harare: At a business site a blue Honda Fit drove into a public parking lot and broke into a vehicle stealing a printer. The vehicle then made a swift getaway as the owner was running out due to the car alarm going off.

Theft – 08 Aug 2024, 0150hrs, Borrowdale, Harare: At a residential site an unknown number of intruders jumped over the durawall to gain access to the property. The intruders then forced open the lounge door and stole an Ipad.

Theft – 08 Aug 2024, 0540hrs, Avondale West, Harare: At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the property through unknown means. The owner contacted Safeguard stating there was a break in at their property and Safeguard dispatched a team to meet with the owner. At this time, it was not mentioned what property was stolen.

Suspicious Vehicle – 08 Aug 2024, 2319hrs, Shawasha Hills, Harare: At a residential site the client called stating that there was a suspicious vehicle parked outside their gate. The reaction team deployed to the site and by the time they arrived the vehicle had departed.

Smash and Grab – 08 Aug 2024, 1850hrs, Highlands, Harare: At a business site an unknown person tampered with a vehicle door in a public parking lot and stole a bag from the vehicle.

Theft – 11 Aug 2024, 0608hrs, Greendale, Harare: At a residential site an unknown number of intruders forced open the cottage door and stole a laptop and solar battery. The intruders then proceeded to a car parked on the property and stole the battery and auto pump.

Theft – 12 Aug 2024, 0122hrs, Southerton, Harare: At a business site a private guard pressed the panic button after observing an unknown number of suspects siphoning diesel from a fuel tank at a business across the street.

Suspicious Vehicle – 13 Aug 2024, 1823hrs, Ruwa, Harare: At a business site a private guard radioed the control room requesting the reaction vehicle to check on a suspicious vehicle that was parked at the back of the property. The vehicle drove away before the reaction team arrived on site.

Attempted Theft – 14 Aug 2024, 0205hrs, Bluffhill, Harare: At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders broke into a base station to steal cables. The intruders pulled up 62 meters of cabling and fled from the site when they triggered the alarm system.

Theft – 17 Aug 2024, 0723hrs, Msasa, Harare: At a business site an unknown number of intruders approached a truck that was parked outside of the premises and stole 200 – 300 litres of fuel. The owner of the truck was asleep inside of the truck at the time and was unaware of the theft.

Theft – 18 Aug 2024, 0028hrs, Greendale, Harare: At a residential site a panic signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. Upon arrival it was discovered that an unknown number of intruders cut the razor wire to gain access to the property. The intruders then proceeded to an outside bar and stole beer before fleeing the site.

Theft – 18 Aug 2024, Time Unknown, Msasa, Harare: At a business site an unknown suspect stole two bottles of whiskey, 5kg of beef, and chicken cutlets from a fridge which was not secured.

Attempted Theft – 18 Aug 2024, 0400hrs, Lochinvar, Harare: At a business site the guard on site noticed two intruders who appeared near the backhoe machine attempting to remove the battery. The guard approached the intruders who then fled from the site preventing the theft of battery.

Armed Robbery – 20 Aug 2024, 0039hrs, Glen Norah A, Harare: At a business site four intruders armed with an unknown firearm, axe, and iron pipe entered the premises through unknown means. The intruders tied up the private guard, caretaker, and three other occupants with shoelaces. Upon accessing the building, they set off the alarm system which triggered rapid response to deploy to the site. On arrival the intruders shouted at the response team fired two warning shots prompting the reaction team to retreat and call for backup. At this time the intruders forced open the safe, stole a large sum of USD cash and fled from the site. When the quick reaction force arrived the intruders were already gone, and the team assisted those who were tied up by the intruders.

Theft – 23 Aug 2024, 0238hrs, Borrowdale, Harare: At a residential site an unknown number of intruders used a tree to jump over the durawall onto the property. The intruders then used a key to open a small room and stole two lithium solar batteries. They then escaped using a ladder at the same point of entry.

Attempted Theft – 24 Aug 2024, 2340hrs, Westgate, Harare: At a residential site an unknown number of intruders cut the electrical fence at the back of the property. At this time the alarm activated, and the intruder fled from the site.

Armed Robbery – 25 Aug 2024, 2211hrs, Westgate, Harare: At a business site a panic signal was received and the response team deployed to the site. On arrival they found the main gate was wide open. The private guards on site reported that they were robbed by five intruders who were armed with two pistols. There were six private guards on the property which were locked inside of a bus while two of them received injuries and were sent to the hospital. The intruders stole two cell phones from the guards and fled from the site as the reaction team was arriving.

Theft – 25 Aug 2024, 0152hrs, Alexandra Park, Harare: At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders broke the sliding door on the veranda and twisted the cameras upwards to avoid detection. Inside the building the office was ransacked assuming the intruders were looking for cash, but the site did not keep cash on site. It is suspected that carrier bags and T-shirts could have been stolen.

Theft – 25 Aug 2024, Time Unknown, Aspindale, Harare: At a business site an unknown number of intruders stole a ZESA cable from the site. The intruders stole the cable from outside of the premises, and it is presumed at this time that they did not make entry onto the premises.

Suspicious Vehicle – 25 Aug 2024, 2011hrs, Greystone Park, Harare: At a residential site the guard on site contacted the control room stating that there was a Toyota Runx silver in colour sitting in front of the property. As the reaction team arrived on site the Toyota Runx drove away.

Attempted Theft – 28 Aug 2024, 0214hrs, Hillside, Harare: At a residential site a panic signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders cut the electric fence, cut the lock off the screen door and forced open the main entrance door. The caretaker was inside of the building at the time and pressed the panic button. The intruders fled from the site when the alarm was triggered, and no items were reported stolen.

Smash and Grab – 28 Aug 2024, 2003hrs, Highlands, Harare: At a business site an unknown number of suspects smashed the back passenger window of a vehicle parked in a public parking spot. The intruders noticed the victims putting a laptop in the vehicle and struck after the victim moved away from the vehicle. It is reported that the laptop was stolen from the vehicle.

Theft – 31 AUG 2024, 0135hrs, Milton Park, Harare: At a business site eight intruders through unknown means got inside of the premises. Once inside they tied up the guard and caretaker. The intruders stole a radio, torch, panic button, and remote control for the gate. The intruders then fled from the site.

Manicaland

Attempted Theft – 03 Aug 2024, 0130hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site a suspected person opened a Toyota Corona, which caused the alarm to activate. The guard in the area took notice and arrested the suspected person and turned them into internal security at the site.

Theft – 03 Aug 2024, 0700hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site a purse containing safe keys were left in the office and the employee left for a meeting. Upon returning the employee noticed that the safe was open and the keys were left on the floor. Safeguard went to the site and searched but could not find the stolen money or suspected person.

Armed Robbery – 05 Aug 2024, 0209hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site a panic signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. Two unknown robbers apprehended the guard on site, handcuffed and beat the guard. The robbers forced the guard to show them where the employees were sleeping. The robbers then beat the employees and proceeded to where the safe was located. The safe was blasted into and a large sum of money was stolen. It is unknown at this time what weapons were used.

Theft – 10 Aug 2024, 1915hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site an unknown intruder gained access to the property through unknown means and syphoned fuel from a motor bike that was parked on the property.

Attempted Theft – 11 Aug 2024, 0310hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the shop display glass. The guard on site took notice and observed the intruders fleeing in a vehicle with no property stolen.

Attempted Theft – 11 Aug 2024, 1500hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site the guard on site found a 10kg empty bag of Mega Roller meal pack containing an oxygen regulator. The bag and item were collected and handed over to the Security Officer on site.

Attempted Theft – 28 Aug 2024, 0200hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site an unknown intruder broke the glass door to enter the shop. The intruder was arrested as he was fleeing from the shop and no items were reported stolen. The door alarm was not triggered as the intruder broke the glass and no security gates were in place to prevent entry.

Theft – 28 Aug 2024, 1200hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site an unknown number of intruders entered the premises and stole 20 meters of cable and two cameras. They attempted to make entry into the equipment room but failed to do so leaving behind their iron bars.

Suspicious Person – 31 AUG 2024, 2021hrs, Mutare, Manicaland: At a business site the guard on site observed a person opening doors and bonnets of parked vehicles in a public parking lot. The reaction team deployed to the site and found the suspicious person was a Fawcett security guard. Fawcett Mutare was phoned and collected their guard for further investigation.

Mashonaland Central

Nothing to report currently.

Mashonaland East

Attempted Theft – 03 Aug 2024, 0011hrs, Marondera, Mashonaland East: At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke one of the palisade fences to gain access to the property. The intruders triggered the alarm system and fled from the site. The reaction team deployed to the site, noticed the fencing was damaged and that no property was stolen.

Attempted Theft – 25 Aug 2024, 0230hrs, Marondera, Mashonaland East: At a business site an unknown number of intruders in a Quantum vehicle were dropped off in front of the business and attempted to make entry. The guards on site fired a warning shot which caused the intruders to flee. The guards on site conducted a patrol and found that around 0330 another five intruders were found on the property near the fuel point. The guards fired a warning shot and the intruders fled from the site. No property was reported stolen at this time.

Mashonaland West

Nothing to report currently.

Masvingo

Armed Robbery – 19 Aug 2024, 0209hrs, Masvingo: At a business site a panic signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders forced the fuel attendant to fill their jerry cans with petrol and to hand over all the cash on their person. The intruders had machetes and a firearm. The intruders quickly fled from the site after collecting fuel and cash.

Matabeleland

Nothing to report currently.

Matabeleland North

Nothing to report currently.

Midlands

Attempted Theft – 12 Aug 2024, Time Unknown, Gweru, Midlands: At a residential site an intruder jumped over the durawall to gain access to the property. The guard on site noticed and chased the intruder who fled back over the durawall.

Theft – 13 Aug 2024, 0040hrs, Gweru, Midlands: At a residential site a panic signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. The homeowner noticed dogs barking and upon checking noticed that the padlock to the main door was cut off. The intruder stole a 25 litre drum.

Theft – 24 Aug 2024, 0140hrs, Kwekwe, Midlands: At a business site six intruders broke into the premises and tied the guard up with shoelaces. They broke the windowpane to gain entry, and it is reported they stole various items, but it is unknown at the time what the items were. The case was reported to Kwekwe central.