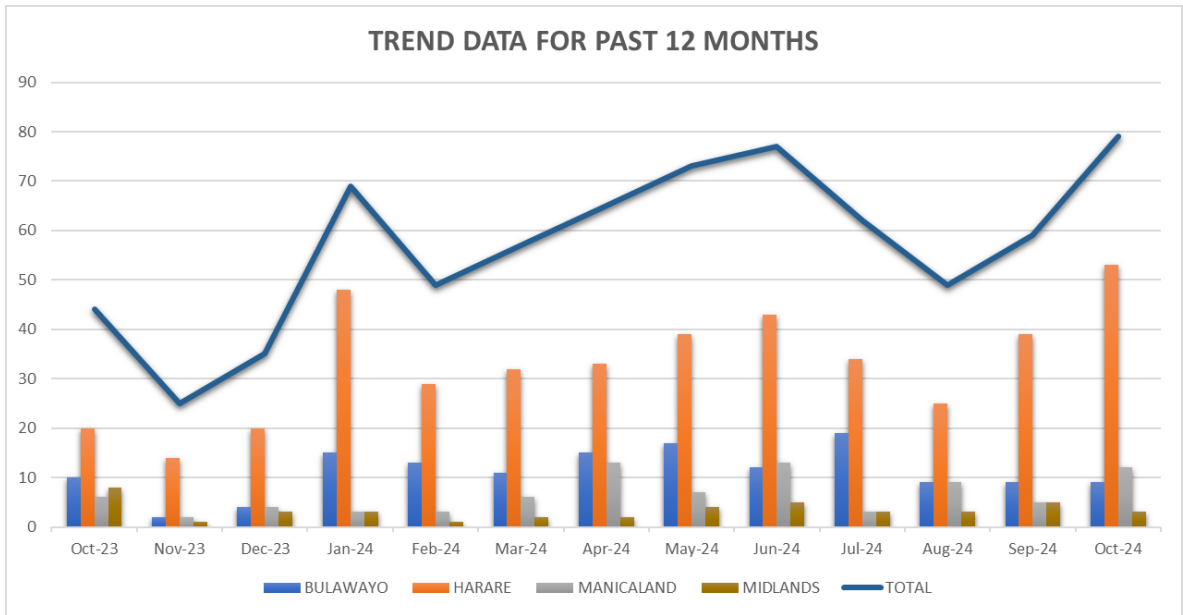


## OVERVIEW



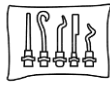
- A reminder that the incidents we report are those that we have verified. This report is a good indicator of crime across the county but by no means captures all incidents.
- A 34% increase in criminal incidents since September, with October recording the highest number of incidents in the past year.
- Armed robberies have more than doubled since September, primarily targeting businesses.
- Residential properties account for 19 % of all reported incidents. This is down on prior months and good news for homes. A reminder though that as businesses move into residential areas, the crime that follows business gets closer to home.
- The majority of reported criminal activities occur between 1700 and 0500 hours.
- A trend is that most intrusions are through a weak perimeter, and the higher potential losses linked to little or no security measures in place, or measures in place and not active for one reason or another. **A few perimeter solutions here .....**
- Armed robberies have shown a consistent pattern of insider knowledge concerning the locations of cash, and the security for this cash. The rate of success related to cash is high.
- The use of firearms remains consistent in incidents targeting cash.
- Not listed as part of the incident count is a growing number of internal theft cases reported.
- Solar batteries and panels feature more regularly in the incidents reported.

## 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, windows and gates that are not secure, and burglar bars that are easy to bend.
- Doors that have a hollow centres are easily defeated using a heavy object.



### Tools and Weapons

- Angle grinders
- Bolt cutters
- Crowbars
- Explosives
- Pistols
- Knives
- Hammers



### Targeted Items

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

## HIGH RISK SITUATIONS

### Business Sites:

- Businesses that maintain significant cash reserves on-site.
- Unsecured fuel storage tanks located in proximity to durawall.
- Alarm systems that are not activated and fail to cover all entry points.

### 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.

## GENERAL ADVISORY

Our crime reports clearly highlight the need to review your security plan, and make sure that your coverage is adequate. Take note of the trends we report each month and consider

- Layers of security to avoid a single point of failure.
- A good deterrent perimeter. With the rains here soon, cut back foliage to reduce interference with electric fencing, and deny a hidden approach to your perimeter
- Have some lighting around your access points – solar DIY is good for most applications and readily available at the major hardware retailers.
- Do not keep cash on site. You will lose it unless exceptionally well secured. The risks of large cash holdings at home are simply not worth it.
- Systems and their connectivity, reporting and reliability have moved on tremendously this past year. If you have an older system, be aware that simple cost-effective upgrades are available and are easy to use. The simpler and more accessible systems are, the higher the chance that you will use them, and the safer you will be.
- With serious power cuts make sure that your electronic security systems have good power and back up and will trigger a response where possible (alarms, fences, gates, access control and booms, CCTV, lighting).

These initial checks on electronic security you can manage yourself without the need to call for an onsite technician/specialist. A few ideas for you

- For advice on your systems, please call us on 08677004562 or WhatsApp us at **0787 906 914** during working hours (08:00 AM to 05:00 PM, Monday to Friday) or email us on [info@safegurd.co.zw](mailto:info@safegurd.co.zw).
- If you have an alarm and response **download the Safeguard App** which will allow you to test your alarm without the need for a technical call, and receive alerts on the status of your system (power, battery, signals, armed or not)
- If needed get someone to come in and deal with the issues you have identified

## OUTLOOK

A worrying increase in serious crime which shows no sign of settling down as we head into early November.

Poor power, rain, a steady rise in the cost of living, and the holiday period ahead all signal the need for greater awareness and action.

**Thank you for using Safeguard.**

**The Safeguard Team**

If you want to know more about crime in your area, or would like security solutions advice, please drop us a line at [info@safeguard.co.zw](mailto:info@safeguard.co.zw). You can also call Safeguard on +263 242 751395-9/08644100909-12 extensions 1092/1009 for assistance)- or speak to your local Safeguard manager for advice on site. Please see more information relating to crime statistics below

### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

PROVINCE	MONTH (2023)			MONTH (2024)									2024	2023	
	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	TOTAL	TOTAL
BULAWAYO	10	2	4	15	13	11	15	17	12	19	9	9	9	129	168
HARARE	20	14	20	48	29	32	33	39	43	34	25	39	53	375	328
MANICALAND	6	2	4	3	3	6	13	7	13	3	9	5	12	74	71
MASH CENTRAL	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
MASH EAST	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	8	14
MASH WEST	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	15
MASHVINGO	-	2	2	-	-	2	1	2	2	3	1	-	1	12	8
MATABELELAND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	4
MATABELELAND NORTH	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	0
MIDLANDS	8	1	3	3	1	2	2	4	5	3	3	5	3	31	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>655</b>

### TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN

BULAWAYO									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
CBD	1			1					2
ELOANA			1						1
ENTUMBANE			1						1
HILLSIDE	1								1
KELVIN NORTH	1								1
KELVIN WEST			1						1
MZILIKAZI				1					1
RICHMOND				1					1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN (CONT.)

HARARE									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
CBD			3						3
AVONDALE		1							1
SOUTHERTON	2		4	2		2			10
CHITUNGWIZA	1			1					2
EMERALD HILL	1								1
HOUGHTON PARK				1					1
MSASA			2	1					3
GRANITESIDE			2		1				3
MBARE			1	1					2
ROLF VALLEY							1		1
SUNWAY CITY				1					1
GREENDALE			1						1
ARDBENNIE				1					1
MOUNT HAMPDEN	2								2
ALEXANDRA PARK			1						1
RUWA		1							1
MOUNT PLEASANT			2	1			1		4
NORTON						1			1
MILTON PARK				1					1
ARLINGTON				1					1
CHISIPITI	1								1
MANDARA			1						1
EASTLEA					1				1
HIGHLANDS			1				1		2
WORKINGTON	1			1					2
MARONDERA	1								1
GREENCROFT			1						1
BELGRAVIA				1					1
AVENUES		1							1
WATERFALLS			1						1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>

TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN (CONT.)

MANICALAND									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
MUTARE			6	3		1			10
RUSAPE				1					1
BUHERA			1						1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
MASHVINGO									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
CHIREDZI	1								1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
MATABELELAND									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
ESIGODINI	1								1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
									0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
MIDLANDS									
PROVINCE AND SUBURB	ARMED ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ATTEMPTED THEFT	THEFT	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	SMASH AND GRAB	ASSAULT	TOTAL
GWERU			2	1					3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

## PROVINCE BREAKDOWN OF CRIME

### Bulawayo

**Armed Robbery – 03 Oct 2024, 1503hrs, CBD, Bulawayo:** At a business site a Cash in Transit vehicle was involved in a heist that took place during daylight hours in a busy business area where many pedestrians were present. The getaway vehicle was a White Ford Ranger with Zimbabwe plates considered to be stolen and no longer on the vehicle. Well planned. The armed intruders had AK 47 style weapons and pistols. No shots were fired, and no injury sustained. Reported \$4 million USD cash taken.

**Armed Robbery – 05 Oct 2024, 0030hrs, Kelvin North, Bulawayo:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders scaled over the durawall and gained access to the building by breaking open the doors. The intruders were reported to have firearms, but it is unclear at this time what type of firearms. The intruders stole the CCTV recorder and USD cash.

**Theft – 14 Oct 2024, 0321hrs, Richmond, Bulawayo:** At a residential site three intruders gained access to premises by removing the lock on the small gate. They proceeded to the kitchen door and forced it open. Once inside the intruders stole a solar battery, three TVs, and three decoders. As the intruders left, they disturbed the electric fence which caused the alarm system to trigger. The reaction team arrived on site, but the intruders fled prior to their arrival.

**Armed Robbery – 15 Oct 2024, 0730hrs, Hillside, Bulawayo:** At a residential site three intruders armed with pistols demanded cash from an elderly person and member of staff. They resisted, were beaten, and tied up. The intruders ransacked the house stealing jewellery and USD cash. At this point two family members arrived at the property and were held at gunpoint by the intruders. They took USD cash, phones, laptop, and stole their vehicle. The intruders then fled from the premises.

**Attempted Theft – 22 Oct 2024, 0230hrs, Kelvin West, Bulawayo:** At a business site two intruders cut the fence to gain access to the property. The guard on site discovered the intruders on site attempting to steal conductor coils. The stolen items were found on the property where the intruders left them as they fled from the site.

**Theft – 24 Oct 2024, 0230hrs, CBD, Bulawayo:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders gained access to the premises by breaking into a window that was not covered by sensors. The intruders stole a TV, decoder, and sugar testing machine.

**Attempted Theft – 25 Oct 2024, 0512hrs, Eloana, Bulawayo:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke the kitchen door to enter the house and vandalized the alarm system. This caused the alarm system to activate, and the intruders fled from the site. No property was reported stolen.

**Theft – 27 Oct 2024, 2100hrs, Mzilikazi, Bulawayo:** At a business site a fuel attendant was serving a customer. Before the customer departed the site the customer hugged the fuel attendant and left shortly after. The fuel attendant then noticed that cash had gone missing and suspected that he was pickpocketed by the customer.

### Harare

**Attempted Theft – 01 Oct 2024, 2028hrs, CBD, Harare:** At a business site a Safeguard checker raised the control room stating he observed an intruder at the site on the balcony. The intruder had pulled off two 15-

watt solar panels and three flood lights. The intruder left the items behind and fled from the site. No property was reported stolen by the owner.

**Robbery – 01 Oct 2024, 2350hrs, Avondale, Harare:** At a business site a panic signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. Upon arrival the team found the caretaker at the gate who was tied up. The team had to cut the lock from the gate to gain access. Upon inspection it was discovered that intruders removed two durawall panels to enter the premises. Five intruders wearing facemasks armed with a crowbar and bolt cutters had entered the premises. As the intruders searched his person, they activated the panic button that was in his pocket and fled from the site with the panic button and the gate keys. No property was reported stolen.

**Attempted Theft – 02 Oct 2024, 0104hrs, CBD, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. Upon arrival the team discovered that the display window glass was shattered. No property was reported stolen.

**Attempted Theft – 02 Oct 2024, 0300hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business, an unknown number of intruders cut the razor wire to gain access to the site. The intruders proceeded to a trailer parked near the durawall and stole 4 crates of Castle lite.

**Theft – 02 Oct 2024, 0300hrs, Chitungwiza, Harare:** At a business site a client phoned in stating they were robbed. The reaction team was deployed to the site and on arrival discovered the guards locked in a room by the intruders. An unknown number of intruders removed the screen door and forced open the main entrance door. They located the safe and stole a large sum of USD and Rand cash then fled from the site.

**Armed Robbery – 03 Oct 2024, 0348hrs, Emerald Hill, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. On arrival the team found private guards escaping from the site reporting that an unknown number of intruders reported to have a pistol and had tied up two other guards. The intruders broke into a window which was not protected by burglar bars to gain access to the building. It is unclear at this time what property was stolen.

**Theft – 04 Oct 2024, 0458hrs, Houghton Park, Harare:** At a business site the guard on site reported that an unknown number of intruders gained access to the property and stole a metre of copper pipe. The guard noticed the pipe missing during his patrols and shut off the main water supply. ZRP Waterfalls Police Station have received the report and are investigating the incident.

**Attempted Theft – 04 Oct 2024, 0202hrs, Msasa, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. On arrival the team was approached by two men who were hiding in a bush. The two men then struck the reaction vehicle with an axe and the reaction team drove away from the site and called for support. Another team and police went to the site. The guard on site reported seeing eight intruders who attacked him and that he did not see any weapons. The intruders handcuffed the guard and assaulted him. The intruders then broke into the building through the main door. Once inside they ransacked all the offices looking for cash. There was no property reported stolen as the company did not keep cash on site.

**Attempted Theft – 05 Oct 2024, 0346hrs, CBD, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders used the back entrance to enter the premises. They then proceeded to the roof to enter the building where they attempted to break into the spare parts room but failed to open the lock. They fled from site once the alarm system was activated. No property was reported stolen.



**Attempted Theft – 06 Oct 2024, 0059hrs, Graniteside, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. On arrival the team discovered an unknown number of intruders forced open the main entrance but were unable to get through the Xpanda gate. The intruders then forced open a window which caused the alarm system to activate. The intruders then fled from the site. No property was reported stolen.

**Attempted Theft – 06 Oct 2024, 0059hrs, Mbare, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received and the reaction team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders tampered with the main reception door but failed to open due to the gate on the other side. The intruders then proceeded to break the window where they failed to enter for the same reasons. The intruders fled from the site and no property was reported stolen.

**Attempted Theft – 06 Oct 2024, 0053hrs, Graniteside, Harare:** At a business site the guard on duty called requesting the response team as he witnessed an unknown number of intruders attempting to break into a complex opposite his contract. As the reaction team arrived the intruders fled from the area. No property was reported stolen.

**Theft – 06 Oct 2024, 0207hrs, Graniteside, Harare:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the offices and ransacked the office. The guard on site discovered the intruders during a patrol and the intruders left computers in the yard and fled from the site. It is unclear at this time what items were stolen.

**Smash and Grab – 06 Oct 2024, 0800hrs, Rolf Valley, Harare:** At a business site a thief broke the window and stole a wallet from a vehicle that was parked in a public parking area. The owner of the vehicle was attending church at the time.

**Theft – 07 Oct 2024, 2222hrs, Sunway City, Harare:** At a residential site, an unknown number of intruders broke into the cottage on site by removing the burglar bars from the window. They stole groceries, 3 x blankets, and clothing items.

**Attempted Theft – 07 Oct 2024, 0252hrs, Greendale, Harare:** At a residential site, the client pressed the panic button after hearing an intruder smash the window of a vehicle. It is assumed the intruder wanted to steal the car battery but fled from the site on hearing the siren.

**Theft – 07 Oct 2024, 0600hrs, Ardbennie, Harare:** At a business site a report was received that there was a crushed cash box and a helmet outside of the property. Investigations are ongoing to determine entry points and other stolen property.

**Armed Robbery – 08 Oct 2024, 0018hrs, Mount Hampden, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to site. Six armed robbers wearing face masks armed with pistols and suspected rifle broke durawall panels to gain access to the property. The intruders triggered the yard sensor which caused the armed guard to investigate the cause. The intruders apprehended the guard, took his weapon, and tied him up. The response team arrived on site and was ambushed by the intruders and were tied up and put with the other guards. The control room sent the QRF team immediately after arrival of the team. When the QRF team arrived, the intruders had fled from the site stealing an unknown amount of USD cash, weapon from private guards, and equipment from guards.

**Attempted Theft – 09 Oct 2024, 0135hrs, Alexandra Park, Harare:** At a residential site, the guard on site triggered the motion sensors in the yard after witnessing three intruders jumping into the premises with iron bars. The intruders managed to damage the front door before being spotted by the guard and fled from the site. No property was reported stolen.

**Robbery – 09 Oct 2024, 2144hrs, Ruwa, Harare:** At a residential site ten intruders with face masks carrying sticks, bolt cutters, and a crowbar. The intruders forced their way into the house as an occupant rushed to close the Xpanda gate but failed. The intruders demanded cash from those insides of the house. The intruders assaulted the guard and the persons in the house then fled from the site with USD cash, and cell phones.

**Smash and Grab – 09 Oct 2024, 1700hrs, Mount Pleasant, Harare:** At a residential site, an unknown suspect smashed into a vehicle that was parked outside of the premises. The suspect stole an iPhone that was sitting in the vehicle.

**Suspicious Vehicle – 09 Oct 2024, 2010hrs, Norton, Harare:** At a business site the client called saying that there was a vehicle that was parked since 1000hrs that was obstructing the gate. The police responded to the scene and took note of the vehicle details. Suspected involved in a crime and dumped.

**Attempted Theft – 12 Oct 2024, 0007hrs, Mount Pleasant, Harare:** At a residential site, a panic signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. The homeowner heard an unusual sound and activated their panic button. The reaction team found a living room windowpane was broken by a stone. No intruders were found on site and no property was reported stolen.

**Theft – 12 Oct 2024, 0735hrs, Milton Park, Harare:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the building through the roof. The intruders tied up the caretaker and vandalized the alarm system. They then proceeded to locate the safes and used a grinder to open them. A large sum of USD was stolen from the site.

**Theft – 12 Oct 2024, 1210hrs, Arlington, Harare:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders entered the premises through unknown means. They proceeded to an office window where they broke into and stole a laptop, computer, monitor, and a keyboard.

**Attempted Theft – 13 Oct 2024, 0018hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site the guard on site pressed the panic button as he witnessed intruders on site. This caused the intruders to flee from the site prior to the arrival of the reaction team. No property was reported stolen.

**Attempted Theft – 13 Oct 2024, 0030hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site the guard on duty pressed his panic button when he noticed intruders on site. The reaction team arrived on the site and upon inspection found the intruders broke a window but failed to make entry due to the burglar bars on the window. The intruders fled from the site and no property was reported stolen.

**Attempted Theft – 13 Oct 2024, Time Unknown, Mount Pleasant, Harare:** At a residential site, an alarm signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. The homeowner noticed an intruder in their property and triggered the alarm system. The intruder was attempting to steal a TV that was on the veranda. The intruder fled from the site when the alarm sounded. No property was reported stolen.

**Armed Robbery – 13 Oct 2024, 2240hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site an alarm activation was received, and the response team deployed to the site. Six intruders one armed with an unknown firearm pounced on the private guards who were patrolling the area and forced them into the building where they laid them on the floor for monitoring. The intruders then vandalized the office doors, stole USD cash, and attempted to steal three rifles. The offices and passages were not covered by an alarm system, but when they made entry into the accounting office the alarm was triggered and that is when the reaction team arrived. Upon arrival the intruders rushed the team while they were inside of the premises. They evaded them and called for support. The intruders fled leaving behind the three firearms, they attempted to steal but took the USD cash with them.

**Armed robbery – 14 Oct 2024, 2238hrs, Chisipite, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. Six intruders wearing face masks armed with an unknown firearm suspectedly climbed over the durawall to gain access to the site. The intruders found the local guard and tied him up at the back of the property. They then proceeded to the main entrance door to gain access to the building where they vandalized the alarm system and broke many office doors. The response team arrived on site and searched the premises when they found the guard at the back of the property. On hearing the alarm, the Intruders fled with a cash box from the main office. No value disclosed.

**Attempted Theft – 14 Oct 2024, 0130hrs, Mandara, Harare:** At a business site the guard called requesting a reaction team as there were an unknown number of intruders attempting to break into the premises. The reaction team arrived and conducted a check of the property and found the intruders had fled, and no damage was done to the premises.

**Theft – 14 Oct 2024, 0223hrs, Mount Pleasant, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. On arrival the team discovered an unknown number of intruders bent the burglar bars on a window of the building to make entry. While inside they stole an HP computer and a printer.

**Suspicious Person – 15 Oct 2024, 0235hrs, Eastlea, Harare:** At a business site the guard on duty noticed intruders jumping into a premises near their location and called the reaction team to deal with the site. The people fled upon being noticed.

**Attempted Theft – 15 Oct 2024, 2220hrs, Msasa, Harare:** At a residential site, the guard on duty heard gunshots and pressed their panic button. The response team arrived and discovered the ZRP police officers were the ones who fired a warning shot by the railway. The ZRP officers arrested an unknown number of thieves who were attempting to steal copper cable.

**Theft – 16 Oct 2024, 0143hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site a panic signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. Five intruders armed with axe handles and other weapons entered the property and assaulted the private guard. The intruders then hit the dog which caused it to yelp which notified the owner inside the premises. The owner pressed the panic buttons and turn on the outside lights which caused the intruders to flee from the site. The intruders took the guards cell phone prior to fleeing.

**Armed Robbery – 17 Oct 2024, 2152hrs, Chitungwiza, Harare:** At a residential site, a panic signal was received and the reaction team deployed to the site. Upon arrival the reaction team heard gunshots and requested the Quick Reaction Force to the site. Six intruders wearing face masks and armed with a pistol and a hammer forced open the small gate to gain access to the property. The owner observed the intruders and pressed the panic button and then fled from the site over the durawall. The intruders forced their way into the house where they tied the housekeeper and demanded to know where the owner went. They went onto beat the gardener in the cottage to force information from him. The intruders managed to steal a large sum of USD cash from a purse and a table drawer. The intruders fled from the site prior to the arrival of the QRF and police.

**Armed Robbery – 17 Oct 2024, 1817hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site a panic signal was received and the reaction team deployed to the site. The guard on site received a call from the cash office stating that they were just robbed. A member of staff went into the cash office and threatened the other employees with a knife requesting the cash they were counting. The suspect took a large sum of USD cash and walked out of the premises. The guard was only notified of the incident after the suspect left the building.

**Smash and Grab – 17 Oct 2024, 2130hrs, Highlands, Harare:** At a business site an unknown number of suspects broke into a white Land Cruiser and stole a laptop, and iPad. The owner of the vehicle has reported the incident to ZRP Highlands.

**Suspicious Vehicle – 19 Oct 2024, 2312hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site the guard on duty requested the reaction team to visit the site. There was a vehicle that parked next to the site which was unusual during the time of day. The guards on site were guarding a hole that had TelOne cables which were exposed. The reaction team arrived on site checked the vehicle.

**Suspicious Vehicle – 20 Oct 2024, 0120hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site the guard on duty requested the reaction team to visit the site. There was a Honda Fit vehicle that parked in front of the gate and dropped off several people. The reaction team arrived and confirmed that among the people dropped off was an employee of the site.

**Theft – 21 Oct 2024, 0247hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders cut the razor wire at the back of the property to gain access to the site. The intruders broke into the office and stole two car batteries unnoticed by the guard.

**Theft – 22 Oct 2024, 0134hrs, Workington, Harare:** At a residential site, an unknown number of intruders scaled the durawall to gain access to the property. The intruders fled when the guard pressed the panic button, and the response team deployed to the site.

**Armed Robbery – 22 Oct 2024, 0332hrs, Marondera, Harare:** At a residential site, the control room received a phone call from the owner stating there was an armed robbery. An unknown number of intruders armed with unknown weapons attacked the owner of the property and stole a large sum of USD cash and a vehicle.

**Attempted Theft – 23 Oct 2024, 1824hrs, Greencroft, Harare:** At a residential site, a resident of the property found a cell phone on the kitchen table which was unknown to him. He stepped outside to call his family to see whose phone it was and found that the door was locked when he tried to enter again. The client pressed the panic button, and the reaction team deployed to the site along with police officers. It was discovered that the gardener unlawfully entered the house to take refreshments from the kitchen and left his cell phone on the counter. The gardener was detained by the police officer for unlawful entry.

**Attempted Theft – 24 Oct 2024, 1635hrs, Southerton, Harare:** At a business site the guard on site arrested an employee of the company for attempting to steal food items from the canteen. The matter was reported to management and the item returned.

**Attempted Theft – 26 Oct 2024, 2255hrs, Highlands, Harare:** At a business site the guard on site witnessed three intruders on site and pressed the panic button. The response team deployed to the site. The intruders ran away when found by the guard and no property was reported stolen.

**Armed Robbery – 28 Oct 2024, 0100hrs, Mount Hampden, Harare:** At a business site the private security guard phone Safeguard control room stating that the site had been involved in an armed robbery. Five armed robbers with pistols pounced on the two security guards and stole two pistols from the guards. The intruders locked the guards in the warehouse and watched over them while the other members entered the main building. They proceeded to vandalize the alarm system and blast into the safe with explosives. The intruders failed to steal any cash as the safe was empty. The intruders managed to steal clothing items and a phone from the guard.

**Theft – 29 Oct 2024, 0249hrs, Msasa, Harare:** The control room received an alarm signal, and the reaction team deployed to the site. An unknown number of robbers stole two meters of cables from the corner of Greengrove and Wilson drive.

**Armed Robbery – 29 Oct 2024, 0304hrs, Workington, Harare:** At a business site an employee called requesting the response team as they witnessed more than three intruders on site. The reaction team deployed to the site and met with the police on site. The intruders cut the electric fence and jumped over the 3 meter durawall. The intruders then made entry into the building where they rounded up the employees working at night and secured them in one area. The intruders then proceeded to where the safe was located and blasted it open stealing a large sum of USD cash. The area where the intruders entered the building was not covered by an alarm system.

**Theft – 29 Oct 2024, 2342hrs, Belgravia, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received and the reaction team deployed to the site. The reaction team checked the property and found no signs of forced entry (broken doors/windows). We then received alarm signals at 0018 in which we responded to, and the situation remained the same. No signs of forced entry onto the property or into the building. In the morning around 0530 the caretaker entered the business to find that an unknown number of intruders forced open a window to enter the building. The entry area is not covered by an alarm. While inside the intruders stole 3 safes from various offices. The amount of cash stolen has yet to be reported.

**Suspicious Person– 30 Oct 2024, 0222hrs, Graniteside, Harare:** At a business site the guard on duty raised the control room reporting to have seen a suspicious person peaking over the durawall. The reaction team deployed but the person had fled.

**Robbery – 30 Oct 2024, 1750hrs, Avenues, Harare:** Along Samora Machel road near Enterprise Road a guard was on his way to work and was attacked by five unknown persons who stole his backpack. Inside the backpack was personal belongings and work uniform. The matter was reported to ZRP Fife Ave police post.

**Attempted Theft– 31 Oct 2024, 0134hrs, Waterfalls, Harare:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to site. An unknown number of intruders broke into the premises by cutting a hole in the palisade fence. Once inside they covered the cctv cameras with cloth to avoid detection but triggered the motion sensor. The intruders fled from the site and no property was reported stolen.

## Manicaland

**Attempted Theft – 07 Oct 2024, 1600hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site a Security Officer was conducting routine checks when he observed two intruders with an empty container and a hose pipe moving around the premises. When the S/O approached the intruders, they hid their containers. The S/O proceeded to call for the reaction team to assist and the intruders fled from the site. Nothing was stolen.

**Theft – 09 Oct 2024, Time Unknown, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders gained access to the site through unknown means. While on site they located trucks that were parked on the premises and stole the vehicle batteries.

**Theft – 11 Oct 2024, 0930hrs, Rusape, Manicaland:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders entered the shop by going through the roof to reach the manager's office. The intruders used a grinder to open the safe and stole an undisclosed amount of cash inside.

**Attempted Theft – 12 Oct 2024, 0620hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the booster site. It is suspected that the intruders were targeting fuel on site as the generator had stopped. No loss reported.

**Attempted Theft – 16 Oct 2024, Time Unknown, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a residential site, an unknown number of intruders had gained access to the site. The intruders broke a window to enter the house. The alarm system triggered and the dog on in the house began barking. The intruders to fled. No property was reported stolen.

**Theft – 21 Oct 2024, 0040hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the signal booster area and stole fuel from the generator. The intruders left pipe laying on the ground which they used to syphon the fuel.

**Attempted Theft – 21 Oct 2024, 1403hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders broke into the booster station and triggered the alarm via the CCTV. The intruders fled from the site, and nothing was reported stolen.

**Suspicious Vehicle – 21 Oct 2024, 1900hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site an unknown vehicle parked in front of the durawall near the entrance to the property. The reaction team was called to the site and advised the driver that they are not allowed to park next to the property. The driver drove away upon warning.

**Attempted Theft – 26 Oct 2024, 0931hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site a customer attempted to pay using a fake \$20 USD note. The person serving the client noticed the fake note and the customer then paid using a real USD note.

**Attempted Theft – 26 Oct 2024, 0900hrs, Buhera, Manicaland:** At a business site the guard was conducting patrols and found a plastic bottle hidden in a bush. The plastic bottle was filled with different types of steel nails. The bottle was handed over to the company.

**Attempted Theft – 27 Oct 2024, 0729hrs, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site the guard on site was patrolling the area when he found two empty 20 litre containers and a 2 meter hose pipe. The guard searched the area and found the intruder who confessed to wanting to steal diesel fuel from the parked truck. The intruder also stated that he had an agreement with the truck driver to have the fuel stolen. The intruder was arrested by the guard and taken to the Mutare Central Police Station.

**Theft – 30 Oct 2024, Time Unknown, Mutare, Manicaland:** At a business site the guard on post discovered that a tractor engine, crankshaft, injector pump, conrod, and cap were missing. The matter was reported to the supervisor and stated that the issue would be managed internally.

## Masvingo

**Armed Robbery – 17 Oct 2024, 0310hrs, Chiredzi, Masvingo:** At a business site an unknown number of intruders with unknown firearms broke into the offices. The intruders attempted to break into the safe with dynamite but failed to open the safe. The workers present managed to press the panic button which alerted the reaction team to the site. The intruders took the cell phones from the workers and fled the site prior to the arrival of the reaction team.

## Matabeleland

**Armed Robbery – 07 Oct 2024, 1830, Esigodini, Matabeleland South:** The newsday.co.zw is reporting that at a residential site a family was attacked by two armed robbers who shot one of the occupants in the chest. The intruders stole USD Cash \$45,000 before fleeing the scene.

Link: <https://www.newsday.co.zw/theindependent/local-news/article/200033299/robbers-attack-in-esigodini-flee-with-us45k>

## Midlands

**Attempted Theft – 01 Oct 2024, 0250hrs, Gweru, Midlands:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the reaction team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders accessed the site through unknown means. Investigations are underway, but no property was reported stolen at this time.

**Theft – 07 Oct 2024, 0135hrs, Gweru, Midlands:** At a business site the guard reported that several intruders held up the guard whilst they broke into the generator and stole fuel.

**Attempted Theft – 30 Oct 2024, 0200hrs, Gweru, Midlands:** At a business site an alarm signal was received, and the response team deployed to the site. An unknown number of intruders cut the burglar bars to gain access to the building. When they entered, they set off the alarm system and attempted to shut it off by vandalizing the system. The intruders fled from the site and no property was reported stolen.

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