



GUARD-ALERT REACTION AND CRIME NEWS

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Dear Valued client

Welcome to the reaction and crime news February edition. Unfortunately, the continued economic decline coupled with the demolition of the informal sector; the main source of employment for the majority of Zimbabweans has resulted in an upsurge in the crime rate with people getting desperate and resorting to crime to make ends meet. In all cases, Guard-Alert security urges continued vigilance whether at home or at the business premises. Alarms should be checked out to see if all the alarm contacts and sensors are in good working order. Contact Guard Alert Electronics (GAE) for servicing of your alarm and/or for a quotation for any of your electronic security needs.

Reaction News

Harare

02/02/2019 at 04:49am a panic alarm signal was received in the control room from Mandara (residential area). On arrival, the crew discovered that unknown thieves had forcibly removed a perimeter durawall panel. They then proceeded to a residential flat and entered the premise through a window. Upon noticing the presence of intruders in her house, the client escaped through the bathroom window and reported the matter to the guardhouse where the guard on duty activated the panic button. Items stolen included a plasma TV, laptop and cell phones.

On 02/02/19 at 04:02am an alarm signal was received from a commercial property in Graniteside. Reaction crews were dispatched and during checks they discovered that unknown thieves had forcibly removed 3 durawall panels when the external alarm activated forcing them to flee. Nothing was stolen.

Bulawayo

On 04/02/19 at 3:56am a panic signal was received from a service station within the Bulawayo CBD. Upon arrival, the Reaction Crew saw two touts who were causing disturbances at the service station. The touts ran away as soon as they saw the Reaction Crew.

On 05/02/19 at 2:02am a burglary signal was received from a residential premise in Selbourne Park where a client had observed thieves stealing at a neighbour's house. The Reaction Crew was dispatched. The thieves ran away after noticing the reaction vehicle approaching.

On 20/02/19 at 4:35pm our control room received a panic signal from a leading supermarket. The Reaction crew was dispatched. Upon arrival, presented to them was a shoplifter who had stolen a bottle of Gilbert Gin Whisky valued at S4.49. The accused was taken to a police station where he was fined.

Gweru

On 02/02/19 at 12:16 am an alarm signal was received from a residential property in Delsford. The Reaction team was dispatched for investigations and reported that all was fine. The siren scared away the intruders.

On 23/02/19 at 21:05 am an alarm signal was received from a supermarket in Mkoba 4. The Reaction Team attended and reported that everything was in order. The siren scared away the intruders.

Mutare

On 23/02/19 at 3:00am the Mutare Control Room received a reaction activation signal from a client's residence. The crew attended and discovered that thieves had forced a door setting off the alarm. The siren scared off the thieves who left empty handed.

Plumtree

On 21/02/19 3:50am a burglary signal was received from a local bank. Reaction crew attended. The Manager was notified that all was in order.

Beitbridge

On 06/02/19 at 4:13am a burglary signal was received from one of the leading transport operators. Reaction crew attended and all was order.

Gwanda

On 21/02/19 at 11:00am a panic signal was received from a footwear shop. The reaction crew attended and discovered that all was in order.

On 22/02/19 at 9:41pm a burglary signal was received from a communication company, reaction team was sent, on checking all was in good order and the manager was advised.

Marondera

On the 24/02/19 at 8:05pm a phone call was received from Marondera (Commercial Property) informing of a break in. Marondera reaction attended and on arrival discovered that intruders had gained entry into shop using the rooftop .Attempts to enter office cash room activated the alarm which compelled the intruders to flee .A 12x10 Madison box was dropped in the process and recovered by crews at the backyard.

On 24/02/19 at about 12:30am intruders scaled the perimeter wall to steal from a bar in the Cherutombo area. The bar had an alarm system that triggered and scared the intruders away. 12x 10 Madison cigarettes were dropped along the durawall as intruders were running away, an undisclosed amount of cash was left untouched in unlocked drawers. The owner was still conducting his stock take to find out whether there was anything stolen.

Crime News

Harare

Members of the public are urged to be extremely vigilant with security. Lock all doors, close all windows and arm alarms. On **the 21st of February** around **7:05pm** six masked men armed with bolt cutters, metal bars and catapults entered house in one of Harare's low density suburbs demanding money and jewellery. They physically assaulted the residents and threatened to kill them if they did not give them money and later locked them in one of the bedrooms. The thieves managed to get away with some very precious jewellery and all the money in the house.

A man was hijacked in the Greendale/Kamfinsa area by 3 armed men who intercepted his car and held him at gunpoint while they unloaded a recently purchased 200ltr drum full of petrol from his car. They also took the money that he had on him which amounted to about USD200 cash as well as his cell phone before telling him to drive off while they went in the opposite direction. We urge the general public to be extra careful and aware of anyone watching or following them especially when using foreign currency to purchase fuel.

On the **11th of February** at **1:20am** one of our guards was approached by thieves who broke the ZESA metal box wire which secured the box with the intention of switching off security lights. The guard blew his whistle and the intruders ran away. Nothing was stolen.

On the **2nd of February** at about **4:00am** the guard stationed at one of the leading Transport and Logistics Company saw intruders in the complex heading towards the warehouse. The guard triggered the alarm and intruders ran away empty handed. Guard Alert Electronics reaction crew attended shortly after.

On **7th of February** at around **4:45am** intruders broke one durawall panel. The guard on duty intruders and advanced to them and they ran away. Nothing was stolen.

Bulawayo

A trend has been established in the Belmont Industrial area whereby thieves dodge the sensor alarms by crawling up to the alarm panel box where they disconnect the system without triggering any signals.

On one occasion, thieves gained entry into an Administration office in that area after removing some Zinc sheets. They dodged the sensors by crawling up to the alarm panel box, and disconnected the alarm system and while inside they managed to force open two safes and a large sum of money was stolen.

There was also a separate incident in Belmont were thieves unlawfully entered into a premise after making a hole in a brick wall. They also dodged the alarm system by crawling to the alarm panel. After disconnecting the alarm, they then vandalised the safe inside the Administration offices.

Security Tips

- The alarm box should be secured and not easily accessible.
- Clients should ensure they have strong reputable safes which have double locking systems.
- The panel doors to the alarm system should have magnetic sensors
- All doors at any premise should have metal magnetic sensors.