

**JANUARY 2020**

**REACTION AND CRIME**

# **NEWS**



# **GUARD ALERT**

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## Dear Valued client

**W**elcome to the reaction and crime news January edition. Unfortunately, with the continued deterioration of the economic environment, the crime rate continues to escalate and thieves are also getting more creative. House breaking incidences are increasing and customers are advised to fit an alarm on all buildings which store valuable items. There has also been an increase in the number of car thefts and carjacking incidences. In all cases, Guard-Alert security urges continued vigilance whether at home or at the business premises.

## REACTION NEWS

### HARARE

**O**n **13/01/20 at 03:04am**, Control received a burglary alarm signal from a commercial client in Avondale. The reaction team attended and saw a security and company officials and two Police Officers on premises. They were informed that intruders arrived at 02:50am in a Honda Fit with no number plates. The intruders man handled the guard who radioed his office to report that he was under attack, the intruders took his radio. The intruders went on to break-into the shop and stole electronic equipment, nothing was recovered.

**O**n **17/01/20 at 23:25pm** our control received a burglary alarm signal from a commercial client in Southerton. The reaction team attended and checked the premises and found all the doors and windows well secured. At 06:45am however, the shop owner detected a break-in and theft of several electric goods and items. Investigations revealed that the perpetrator had entered and exited the shop through the roof after creating a hole on the asbestos roof sheet. This could not be detected from outside the property.

**O**n **26/01/20 at 03:23am**, our control room received a burglary alarm signal from a commercial client in Warren Park. The reaction team attended and upon arrival discovered. that intruders had broken the gate lock and the entrance screen door lock and forced open the reception door using an iron bar. The key-holder was contacted and attended and disclosed that intruders had stolen an undisclosed amount of cash that was kept in a small safe that was mounted on the wall inside a wardrobe.



## BULAWAYO

**O**n the 18th of January 2020 at 12:47am, a burglary signal was received from residential property in Burnside. The Reaction Crew attended and upon arrival, was informed that unknown intruders had attempted to break into the building but were disturbed by the siren which scared them away.

**On 21/01/2020 at 07:30pm** a friend to our client was followed by a car with 3 armed occupants from town to Killarney where he was going to pay his aunt a visit. Upon arrival at his aunt's house, the gate was opened for him and he drove in. When the gate was closing however, two of the robbers jumped out of their car blocked the gate from closing. One robber then pointed a revolver at our security guard who was made to lie down near the gate. The robbers then parked their car in the middle of the gate and one suspect went to the complainant's car and shot one round into the air to scare the driver who was made to surrender an undisclosed amount of cash and a cell phone after breaking one of the car's windows with a hammer. The Reaction Crew arrived when the criminals had left the crime scene. Matter was reported to the police.

## GWERU

**On 07/01/2020 and at 11:35pm**, our control room received a burglary alarm signal from a residential property in Delsford. Our reaction team attended and on arrival they reported that all was in order. The sound of the siren might have scared away intruders.

**On 28/01/2020 and at 03:11am**, a burglary alarm signal was received from a residential property in Ridgemont. Our reaction team was sent to investigate and on arrival they reported that everything was in order. The sound made by the siren could have scared away intruders.

## KADOMA

**On 24/01/20 at 07:13am** our Kadoma office received a telephone call from a commercial client informing us that there had been a break-in and theft of several items of clothing and a gas tank from their shop. Investigations revealed that the intruders had entered the shop through a kitchen window and the client revealed that they had not armed the alarm since there had been no electricity for more than three hours.



## KWEKWE

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**O**n the **13/01/20 at 08:17am** a burglary signal was received from a commercial property. Reaction Crew attended and found both the client and the premise well secured. The alarm triggered due to a power cut.

## CHEGUTU

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**On 19/01/20 at 11:00pm** a burglary alert signal was received from a residential property and the Reaction Crew attended. Upon arrival, nothing bad was observed, the alarm was triggered by children who woke up going to the toilet and forgot to disarm the alarm.

An panic alarm signal was received on **25/01/20 at 05:00pm** from a commercial property. The Reaction Crew was dispatched and upon arrival, they saw the Branch Manager who advised them that he needed help controlling people who wanted to buy mealie-meal.

**On 25/01/20 at 05:10pm** an alarm signal alert was received from a commercial property and the Reaction Crew attended. They did a site check and observed a cat moving inside the building through the window. Other than that, the complex was safe and secure.



## CRIME NEWS

### NATIONWIDE

Over the past few months many Zimbabweans have fallen victim to machete gangs popularly known as “mashurugwi”. These gangs are wrecking havoc around the country committing crimes such as robberies, rape, murder, and physical assault. We urge the general public to remain vigilant and alert to reduce the odds these happening to you.

### HARARE

#### Machete Gangsters Alert!

Machete wielding gangsters are reported to have invaded most street corners in Harare with more than 10 people being robbed of their belongings including cars at some identified intersections every day.



**Stay alert**  
with Guard Alert. Kana  
mashurugwi anotokuzeza.

- Corner Churchill & Borrowdale Road
- Second Street & Herbert Chitepo
- Harare Gardens & Africa Unity Square. (There are no lights in the park once natural light is gone)
- New Round about along Highglen Roaden route to Kuwadzana
- Simon Mazorodze & Willowvale Road traffic light ( Where there is BAT & Pepsi)
- Corner Samora Machel and Rotten Row traffic lights
- Herbert Chitepo & Prince Edward ( Close to Harare Polytechnic College)

We at Guard-Alert urge the general public to avoid using these roads especially at night. DO NOT stop at these intersections when the road is clear and reports any suspicious characters to the police as soon as you notice something unusual without delay!

Drivers beware! In the early hours of morning a silver Runx (tinted windows and no licence plate) tried to run a driver off the road in the Westgate area. He however managed to stop his car in time but, as he did



**T**he driver managed to escape however and nearly run over one of the criminals as he drove away. As he made his escape the driver noticed that the criminals kept following him. He only managed to lose them within the CBD and safely get to a friend's house shortly after. We at Guard Alert urge you to exercise extreme caution especially when driving at night. Be vigilant, check your mirrors at all times and, always be aware of suspicious vehicles following you or people lurking near your gate and if there are, do not stop at your destination, phone the police or drive to the nearest police station.

**On 09/1/20 at 12.20am** one of our dog handlers observed seven criminals who had gain entry into the premises he was guarding. The guard released his dog and the criminals ran away escaping through the hole they had made in the perimeter wall. Two tents were reported stolen. Matter was reported to Police.

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**On 22/1/20 at 12:30pm** a commercial client reported that they discovered some stolen goods which were concealed in the canteen. We reacted to the tip off and arrested three employees who had stole 38 bottles of mahewu and 4x2litres of Quench drinks from the factory. The accused persons admitted to have stolen the goods and wanted to remove them from the premises at the end of their shift. The three accused persons were dismissed from employment. Matter was dealt with internally.

**On 26/1/20 at 03:40am** our guard observed an intruder who had stolen some windscreens from the premises. The guard gave a chase resulting in the accused dropping the loot which was later recovered.

**On 27/1/20 at 01:42am** one of our roving NCOs observed intruders who had cut the razor wire top guarding attempting to scale over the wall into the premises. The NCO blew his whistle to alert other guards causing the criminals to flee the scene without stealing anything.

A security guard was recently murdered by 2 armed robbers while guarding a property in Eastlea. The robbers tied the guard's hands and legs with some rope before making off with 10usd, solar batteries and an inverter. The security guard died as a result of the attack. It appears that the robbers were familiar with the activities that occurred in the house as they did not exert much effort during the robbery.

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**A 50 year** old man parked his car at Avondale Shops and went into one of the supermarkets. When he returned to his car, he discovered that his car had been broken into and a star pistol and 5900usd had been stolen. The public is warned against leaving firearms and cash in their vehicle.



## BULAWAYO

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**A**t 12:47am on the 18th January 2020 we received alarm activation. Our Reaction Team arrived at 12:59am to find that there had been an attempted break-in. It appears that the intruders fled when they heard the siren. Nothing was stolen. The client requested a guard for the night until he could repair the damage.

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Three Honda Fit pirate taxi operators who were allegedly involved in a spate of armed robberies in Bulawayo using a firearm have been arrested.

The accused offered lifts to their victims on different occasions between October last year and January this year before robbing them of their money, bank cards and cell-phones at gunpoint.

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One complainant who in **late December 2019** was at a hiking spot in Hope Fountain looking for transport to get to Bulawayo was offered a lift by the accused. After driving for a while, the accused then diverted from the route and took another road and headed towards Gwanda road and when they reached a bushy area, the accused parked the car and robbed the complainant. The same happened at Queens park East on a different day when the accused offered a lift to another man who diverted from the normal route and robbed the complainant at gunpoint while the others were pointing a knife at him. The criminals were reminded in custody to **10th February 2020**.

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A woman from Bulawayo has appeared in court for allegedly ganging up with unidentified accomplices and attacked her ex-boyfriend with knives and sharp objects until he lost consciousness.

Accused name supplied, of Old Lobengula suburbs and her accomplices who are still at large, armed themselves with logs, knives and other unknown objects and attacked the complainant of the same suburb. The attackers accused him of burning a member of the accused family house. Accused was not asked to plead to assault charges when she appeared before Western Commonage court and was reminded to **11th February 2020**.

## CHINHOYI

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**O**n the 4TH of January 2020 at around 14:30hrs one of our security guards searched a vehicle at exit point and found him in possession of 4x340ml castle lite and 2x440ml castle beer cans. The suspect was arrested and the case was reported to police.

