



GUARD-ALERT REACTION AND CRIME NEWS NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Valued client

Welcome to the reaction and crime news November edition. With the holidays fast approaching, we urge you not to kick back when it comes to security. Guard-Alert advises that you take extra security measures to ensure that your homes and businesses are safe while you are holidaying and that every precaution is taken while on the country's roads. Contact us for any of your security needs this festive season.

Happy Holidays!

REACTION NEWS

HARARE

On **16.11.19** at **06:13am**, our control room received a burglary signal from a commercial client in Workington. The key holder phoned us to advise that they had activated the alarm after discovering that a 3000 litre water tank had been stolen during the night. The area is not covered by alarm motion sensors. The case was reported at ZRP Workington.

On **23.11.19** at **02:32am**, a burglary signal from a domestic client in Monavale. They triggered the alarm on seeing that they had been robbed (**the alarm had not been armed**). The Reaction team attended and, upon arrival, were informed that there had been a break in and a 65 inch television and a school bag were stolen. A radio and a speaker were found abandoned outside the house. Case was reported at Avondale Police Station and they attended.

A burglary signal was received from a church on **26.11.19** at **02:02am**. The Reaction Crew was despatched and upon arrival, discovered that intruders had cut the razor wire on top of perimeter wall and entered the premises. The intruders stole a vehicle battery from a Jeep Cherokee after breaking into 4 parked vehicles on the premise. The matter was reported to the police.

On **26.11.19** at **08:30am**, the Credit Controller received a phone call to the effect that there had been a break in at a commercial property. Intruders forced open the front entrance to the shop and stole

fabrics valued over US\$3000 and cash amounting to ZWL8000 cash and US\$400. The alarm had not been armed. The matter was reported to Harare Central police and they attended

On 26.11.19 at 08:00am, our control room received a report from a domestic property that intruders had cut the top defence electric fence over the perimeter wall when there was no electricity. Checks carried out by the Reaction Crew revealed that nothing had been stolen. There was no signal received by the control room since there was no electricity. The matter was reported at Highlands police station.

BULAWAYO

On the 2nd November 2019 at 04:06am, a panic signal was received from a fast food outlet at Bradfield. The Reaction Crew attended and upon arrival, they found that there were people who were fighting causing a scene at the outlet. The Reaction Crew managed to quell the situation and restore order.

On the 20th November 2019 at about 10:01am, a burglary signal from a residential property in Famona. The Reaction Crew was despatched. The client was on site. He stated that he on arriving home he saw a white Vitz parked at his gate. On entering the premises he noticed several intruders but managed to get into the house unnoticed and activate the alarm. Six intruders; one armed, had entered the property, manhandled the maid ordering her to open the main house. Upon noticing the Reaction Vehicle's arrival, coupled with the sounding siren that the house owner had triggered, the intruders (numbering six) ran away into their getaway car which was parked in drive way. Nothing was stolen.

GWERU

On 10.11.19 at 03.40am, our control room received a burglary alarm signal from a residential property in Southdowns. The Reaction Crew was sent to investigate and found all in order. The sound of the siren might have scared away intruders.

On 25.11.19 and at 03.27am, a burglary alarm signal was received from a residential property in Mkoba. Our reaction team was sent to investigate and on arrival they reported that everything was in order. The siren scared the intruders away.

KAROI

On the 10th of October 2019 at 08:45am a burglary signal was received from a commercial property. The Reaction Team was informed and attended to the scene. Upon arrival they met the client who informed them that all was in order. The alarm had scared the intruders away.

CRIME NEWS

NATIONWIDE

More Zimbabweans are turning to crime as economic woes mount. Zimbabwe has recorded a notable rise in crime, with housebreaking, robbery and theft increasing by close to 50% over the past two years, as economic conditions have worsened.

HARARE

On the 11th of November 2019 at 06.35pm one of our security guards who was on duty at a supermarket arrested two shoplifters for theft of various goods valued ZWL733.73. The accused persons were handed over to the police.

On the 14th of November 2019 at 04.30pm one of our security guards arrested an employee for theft of company property. The accused was handed over to management for action. Matter was dealt with internally.

On the 17th of November 2019 at 03.00am our guard spotted an intruder who had stolen goods from the lodge at the farm he was guarding. A chase ensued which resulted in the suspect dropping the loot. The recovered goods were handed over to the client. The case was reported to Hatcliffe Police Station.

On the 25th of November 2019 at 03.05pm our security guard arrested an employee for theft of company property. The accused was taken to Borrowdale Police station where he was fined and released.

BULAWAYO

An 82 year old Bulawayo woman lost a gold wrist watch, a diamond ring and a gold ring to the two men claiming to be Police Officers. On the 4th of November 2019 at about 11 am, the elderly woman from Khumalo suburbs arrived at her house found two unknown men seated in her lounge and asked that they identify themselves. The men said that they were police officers but did not produce any identification documents or explain why there were in the house. The two men then grabbed the woman and forcibly took her gold wrist watch, before forcing her to remove her gold and diamond rings and surrender them at gunpoint. The two men then ordered the woman to lie down on the floor and walked out of the house. The matter was reported to the police and investigations are being carried-out.

A Filabusi business man lost US\$20.660.00, R72 300.00 and ZWL1100.00 to four men armed with pistols who stormed his house in a pre-dawn raid. The complainant who owns garage in Filabusi was sleeping with his family when the gang, armed with three pistols, barged into his house demanding cash and took USD20 660.00, R72 300.00 and ZWL1100.00 which was in the wardrobe. They also took eight cell phones, a laptop, groceries and children's' clothes and fled from the scene. Guard-Alert continues to urge you to desist from keeping large sums of money in your homes as makes you a target for robberies as well as puts your life in danger.

Two Bulawayo men have been arrested for allegedly breaking into 16 houses in Cowdry Park suburbs and stealing property worth ZWL200 000.00 on separate occasions while the owners were away. The accused persons took advantage of the home owners' absence, gained entry into their premises and stealing their valuable assets and using a Honda Fit as a getaway car on all occasions. Investigations were carried out leading to arrest of two suspects who have since appeared in court and a total value of ZW\$76 578 00 was recovered.

GWERU

On the 18th of November 2019 at around 03.00am, our guard arrested an unknown intruder who was found roaming around within the premises. After inspecting the premises, it was discovered that telephone cables were missing. The suspect was handed over to and detained by the police.

MARONDERA

During the night of 14 November 2019 armed robbers broke into a commercial property in the CBD. They managed to gain entry into the warehouse by breaking the windows which were not burglar barred and stole about 8 x 5 litre cases of oil (value was not disclosed). The shop was having another security provider's alarm system which never activated as the robbers did not get into the warehouse. The cases were piled up against the window making it easy for the criminals to access their loot without getting into the warehouse. The culprits are still at large.

NYANGA

On 22 November 2019 at about 02.30pm, our security guard arrested a hotel employee under House Keeping Department theft of company property. The Hotel Management was advised and the employee was given a written final warning. Matter was dealt with internally.