

RV SPECIAL BULLETIN

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BREAK IN

We have had a break-in this morning on the estate. The persons entering the estate came through the exact same access point as the previous fence breach, by crawling underneath the fence and its electrics.

The very same house was broken into (unoccupied) by entering the same window as the previous time.

We believe the person(s) were disturbed as the house was hardly turned over. We have had an increase of patrols on our fence line. It is our opinion that it is most likely the same perpetrators as the previous time, coming to try again. The identical modus operandi was followed. The police have been out to site and will continue with the process.

In light of this breach we would like to point out the following events that have recently been happening in the Hoedspruit area:

Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate has had three break-ins over the last couple of weeks.

Around the farming community, perpetrators have been entering occupied houses at night, removing vehicle keys and driving off with the resident's vehicle.

Many seasonal workers are without jobs due to the recent hail damage and the drought, creating space for petty crime.

We have also noticed that there are still residents who provide access for contractors/service providers through the main gate, who are not in good standing with the association nor underwent the required security screening.

We believe that inside information plays a key role in our recent break-ins, and urge residents to abide by our rules of access to the estate. Please ensure that your staff/contractors and service providers are registered with the Association, have undergone security clearance and that access is only through the contractors gate. This allows security to pick up any suspicious behaviour and or stolen goods being removed from the Estate.

Although we, together with our security company are doing all that we can to prevent these incidents from happening, residents are reminded that security begins at home.

Consider the following in order to limit incidents:

Have all staff undergo security clearance and ensure they are in possession of a valid access card.

Use only contractors in good standing with the association and urge those that are not to go through the required process.

Ensure all windows and doors are secured when away, have friends/security look after house.

Consider installing a silent alarm.

Report any contractors/staff walking off site or who drop staff off on the side of the roads.