



# Windhoek City Police Service

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## Press Release

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With good heavy rainfall, received over the past few months, trees have grown newer branches, bushes are now thicker than before, and grasses have grown longer. Criminals, especially housebreakers, robbers and car breakers hibernate in these trees, long grass or uncut bushes. The hideouts are further used as connecting points (shortcuts) to neighborhoods targeted for criminal's activities and escape exit spots because they are often located in riverbed.

Private or public property owners as a cautionary measures should prone trees, cut over grown grasses and thicker trees near their properties. Mobilizations of community members to raise funds and pull their resources together for the purpose of community policing through environmental design is another way to keep criminals a way.

As the saying goes, “numbers don't lie”, according to our statisticians, businesses and private properties in neighborhoods where community members work hand in hand to fight crime or in areas where neighborhood watch have been established, fewer criminal activities are reported.

A number of significant incidences of possible suspects seen at isolated places where they are likely to become easy targets to crime were detected through our CCTV cameras at various crime hotspots and here robbery at knives or by firearms happens frequently. All observed cases our officers on the ground went out to forewarn and educate this people.

We are proud to announce that our CCTV notice boards placed at different places that read, “This place is monitored by City Police CCTV cameras”, and crime has diminished significantly. Suspicious groups seen loitering in front of parking's areas by our officers during field patrol and caught by our CCTV cameras with intentions to jam vehicles using gate remotes were lined up and profiled.

Noise pollution and noise complains featured high on our operations, during the week under review, a zero tolerance approach was adapted and all offenders were attended to. The directive was clear, we directed our officer to give necessary fines, given the background that we have done enough public education on the issue.

In partnership with Telecom Namibia, we have been hard at work, adding final ingredients to the much awaited Windhoek City Police website scheduled to be fully up and running in few days. The website will serve as an information point, where all queries and day to day frequent asked questions will be answered.

Researchers from all spectrums, students, visitors to the country and interested groups, can access relevant information's on the website and don't need to drive to our offices and all latest and relevant educational material, for the public will be made available.

Finally, without fear and intimidations the public at large are encouraged to make use of our emergency numbers and tip us off and bring pertinent issues of crime to our attentions at 061 2902239 or sent us a text at 4444.

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