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OVERVIEW

- Crime increased in July 2023 but reported less incidents than the same period last year.
- Violent crimes almost tripled in the past month, with three incidents resulting in shots fired – two shootouts were reported in Mashonaland West.
 - In July 2023, the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) arrested armed robbery suspects following shootouts in three separate incidents in Budiriro, Nketa and Cowdray Park.
- Crime in Bulawayo has doubled in the past three months, whilst Harare incidents increased by 56%.
- Cellphone tower stations in Bulawayo reported an increase in violent crimes, with guards (not Safeguard) chased away from the sites as criminals targeted batteries and fuel. It is important that guards are equipped with panic buttons and that they have adequate security support in these areas.
- Safes, particularly stand-alone safes were increasingly targeted at businesses with criminals physically dragging out the safes or using explosives and angle grinders to open the safes. Where possible, clients are urged to move into restricted areas and ensure that no money is ever kept on site over night.
- Losses were prevented in 54% of the incidents where an alarm was sensibly installed with an active radio link.
 - Break in investigations revealed that in a number of cases criminals knew how to avoid the alarm sensors indicating knowledge of the layout of the site. Clients are urged to regularly review their security systems and ensure that security systems are limited to a few individuals.
- Mines and gold traders were also targeted with 150kg of gold stolen in an incident at a Kwekwe mine in the past month. Residents should avoid taking money home as the ZRP also reported incidents of residential robberies where money was targeted.
- Fuel service stations were increasingly targeted for money (and fuel in some instances). Service stations should equip fuel attendants with panic buttons.
- Motorists continue to be targeted for valuables left on vehicle seats.

MODUS OPERANDI/METHOD OF EXECUTION AND TARGETED ITEMS



Common Access Points

- Roof
- Window
- Back doors



Tools and Weapons

- Angle grinders
- Bolt cutters
- Dynamite
- Firearms



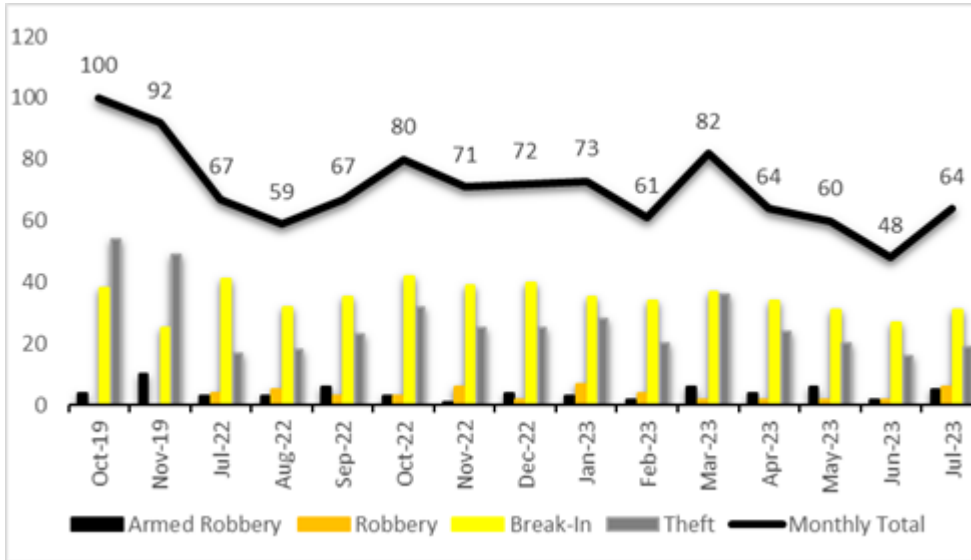
Targeted Items

- Money
- Fuel from cellphone tower stations, parked vehicles and service stations (customers fleeing without paying)
- Batteries from vehicles and cellphone tower stations
- Gadgets particularly cellphones stolen from stores (Gweru)
- Personal belongings from vehicles

HIGH RISK AREAS



TOTAL MONTHLY REPORTED INCIDENTS, JULY 2022 – JULY 2023



MONTHLY PROVINCIAL BREAKDOWN

PROVINCE	MONTH - 2023							GRAND TOTAL
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
HARARE	28	32	41	29	37	18	28	213
BULAWAYO	25	15	25	19	9	16	20	129
MANICALAND	9	6	8	5	5	6	4	43
MIDLANDS	2	2	3	7	2	5	7	28
MASH EAST	3	2	3	2	1	-	-	11
MASH WEST	1	1	-	-	2	2	2	8
MASVINGO	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	4
MASH CENTRAL	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
MAT SOUTH	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
GRAND TOTAL	70	60	81	64	56	48	61	440

*In cells where there is a "-" no incidents were reported to Safeguard and not that an incident did not occur.

TOWN/SUBURB BREAKDOWN

PROVINCE AND TOWN/SUBURB	JULY 2023				GRAND TOTAL
	ARMED ROBBERY	BREAK IN	ROBBERY	THEFT	
HARARE	2	11	3	12	28

ARDBENNIE	1				1
ASPINDALE			1		1
AVONDALE				1	1
CHITUNGWIZA	1				1
EMERALD HILL				1	1
EPWORTH			1		1
GLEN VIEW		1			1
GREYSTONE PARK				1	1
GUNHILL		2			2
HARARE CITY CENTRE		2			2
KAMBANJI				1	1
MABELREIGN				1	1
MABVUKU				1	1
MAHUSEKWA		1			1
MOUNT PLEASANT				2	2
MSASA				1	1
STRATHAVEN		1			1
TAFARA		1			1
THE GRANGE				1	1
WILLOWVALE		3		2	5
WORKINGTON			1		1
BULAWAYO	1	12	3	4	20
BELMONT		2		1	3
BRADFIELD				1	1
DONNINGTON		3			3
KELVIN		1			1
KELVIN WEST				1	1
KHUMALO		2			2
LUVEVE			1		1

MAKOKOBA		3			3
MPOPOMA	1				1
NKULUMANE			1		1
NORTH TRENANCE				1	1
SAUERSTOWN			1		1
THORNGROVE		1			1
MIDLANDS		5		2	7
GWERU CITY CENTRE		2			2
GWERU INDUSTRY				1	1
INDIVA SIDINGS		1			1
KWEKWE CITY CENTRE		1		1	2
KWEKWE INDUSTRY		1			1
MANICALAND		3		1	4
GREENSIDE		1			1
MUTARE		1			1
MUTARE CITY CENTRE		1			1
TARGET AREA				1	1
MASHONALAND WEST	2				2
BANKET	1				1
NORTON	1				1
GRAND TOTAL	5	31	6	19	61

OUTLOOK

Crime especially violent crimes such as robberies, murder and assault are likely to increase as the country heads towards elections and August holidays. More individuals might opt to keep money at home as uncertainty brews towards elections and this might fuel violent crimes at residences. However, the ZRP has communicated a commitment to stabilise violence during this period. Fatal road accidents have been a cause for concern this year with motorists urged to avoid speeding and unnecessary overtaking on the highways. Safeguard encourages travellers to be vigilant and to ensure that they have downloaded the Safeguard emergency application for prompt assistance during these times. Travellers can also request security and road safety updates ahead of their travels.

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The Safeguard Team



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