

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Slight increase in incidents reported to Safeguard from 50 in September 2025 to 53 in October 2025 (6%).

## OVERVIEW

- Non-violent crime accounted for 85% of the reported incidents. Violent crime decreased, but, according to a report by the police, the use of firearms remains a cause for concern nationwide.
- Money remains a primary target both as hard cash and in online fraudulent activity. Copper cables continue to be targeted with police making several arrests nationwide. Vehicles were more commonly targeted during robberies after motorists unknowingly offered rides to criminals posing as hitchhikers.
- Based on the captured incidents, both residential and industrial sites remain vulnerable to break ins while violent crime remains fairly spread across different locations and sectors.
- Whilst not common across our client base, verified reports from other sources reveal that roof access is becoming a common method of entry during break-ins, particularly at industrial and commercial premises.
- Most offences were committed by an average group size of one to two suspects for non-violent crimes whilst violent crimes averaged a suspect group size of three suspects.
- Vehicle related crimes remain prevalent at fuel stations with the following vehicles sighted in the past month:
  - A Toyota Aqua AGC 2612 involved in a fraud/theft in Cranborne.
  - A Toyota Hilux AFT 7625 involved in a theft in Harare City Centre.
  - A Mazda Twin Cab which is suspected to have been involved in a theft at an industrial site in Southerton.
- Peak crime activity occurred between 0100hrs and 0300hrs. Intelligence further suggests that some criminals gain access to sites particularly retail and industrial premises at closing time, remain on the premises after staff leave, and commit crimes later in the night.

**Note:** *The incidents and statistics we report are those that affect our customer base across the country. While this report provides an indicative overview of crime trends, it does not include all occurrences. For more information on the crime in your area or to share verified cases of crime, please contact us at [byoanalyst@safeguard.co.zw](mailto:byoanalyst@safeguard.co.zw)*

## OUTLOOK

As the festive season approaches, criminal activity; particularly break-ins, thefts, and robberies are projected to rise, driven in part by the increased circulation of cash from employee bonuses and heightened transactional volumes.

With the reported increase in firearm related offences, violent crime may continue to rise steadily across multiple sectors posing risk to both individuals and businesses.

Looking at the incidents reported in the media in the past months; it is also evident that fraud is on the rise with criminals targeting both individuals and businesses through cyber and



counterfeit money scams. Cases of internal fraud are reported regularly and remain a concern for businesses.

## ADVISORY

### General Advice

- Clients requiring temporary security guards during periods of absence, are encouraged to book well in advance to ensure availability. Last-minute bookings could result in disappointments.
- If you are away for the holidays one can also install a wireless alarms system and response service on a rental basis. Consider also activating your cameras for patrols and alerts – these are cost effective options to enhance a guarding effort in higher risk sites, or act to improve security where no one will be on site.
- A reminder that all security systems require stable power, and rental systems will usually require internet to function optimally. For more information on rental options contact [info@safeguard.co.zw](mailto:info@safeguard.co.zw).
- Safeguard your identification documents, bank cards, and SIM cards always. Any loss or theft should be reported immediately, as these items may be exploited for fraudulent or criminal activities.
- During construction or renovation projects, ensure that keys are never left unattended on-site. Reports indicate that criminals, sometimes in collusion with contractors or employees, have duplicated keys for later use in unlawful entry and break-ins.

### Industrial and Manufacturing

- o Remain aware of activity outside of the premises and report suspicious activity early,
- o Considering that the roof is a vulnerable point during break ins, reinforce roofing structures particularly near safes, strongrooms and warehouses, and ensure surveillance systems include access to elevated areas.
- o Given the increase in fraud:
  - Always use verified and reputable service providers and conduct thorough background checks prior to any financial or contractual transactions.
  - Implement double signatories for financial approvals to enhance accountability and reduce vulnerability to fraudulent activity.
  - Establish a secure document management and verification system to prevent the misuse of sensitive materials, including company letterheads, invoices, and signatures.

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#### The Safeguard Team

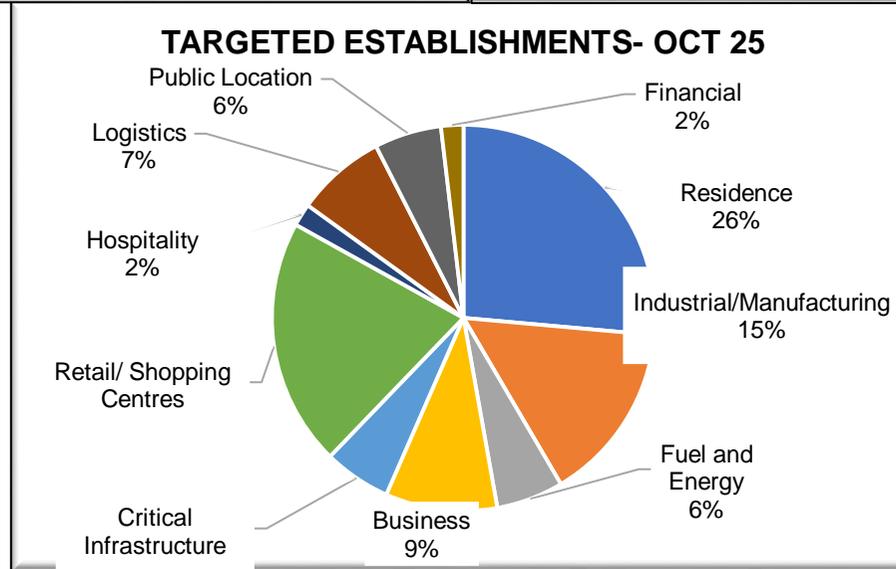
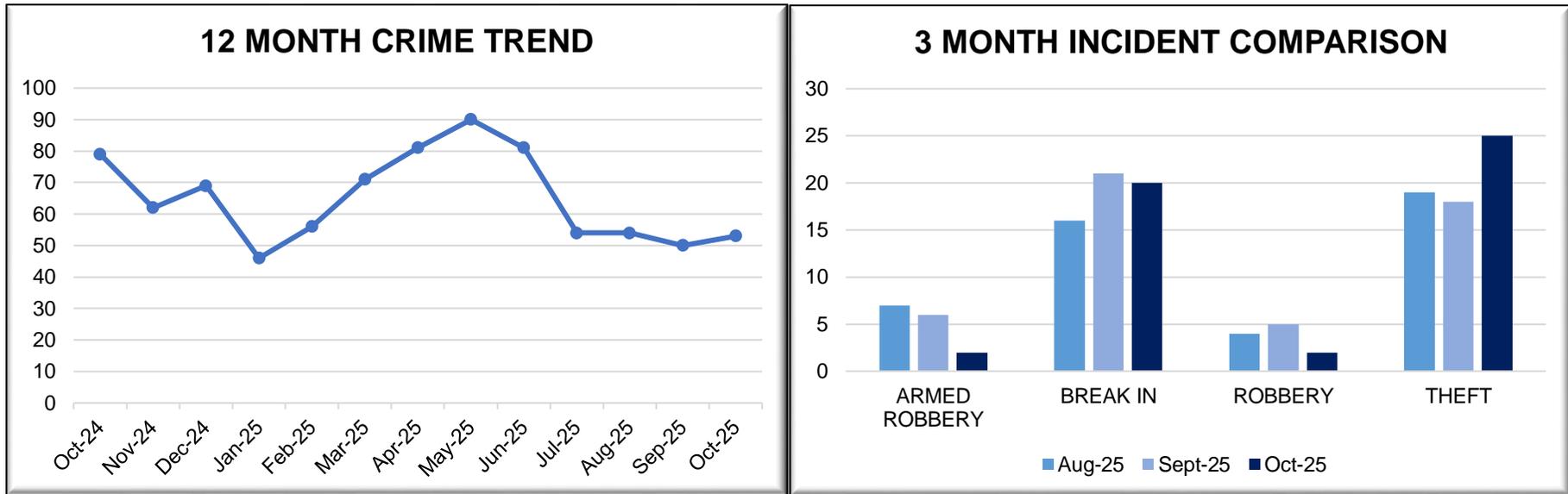
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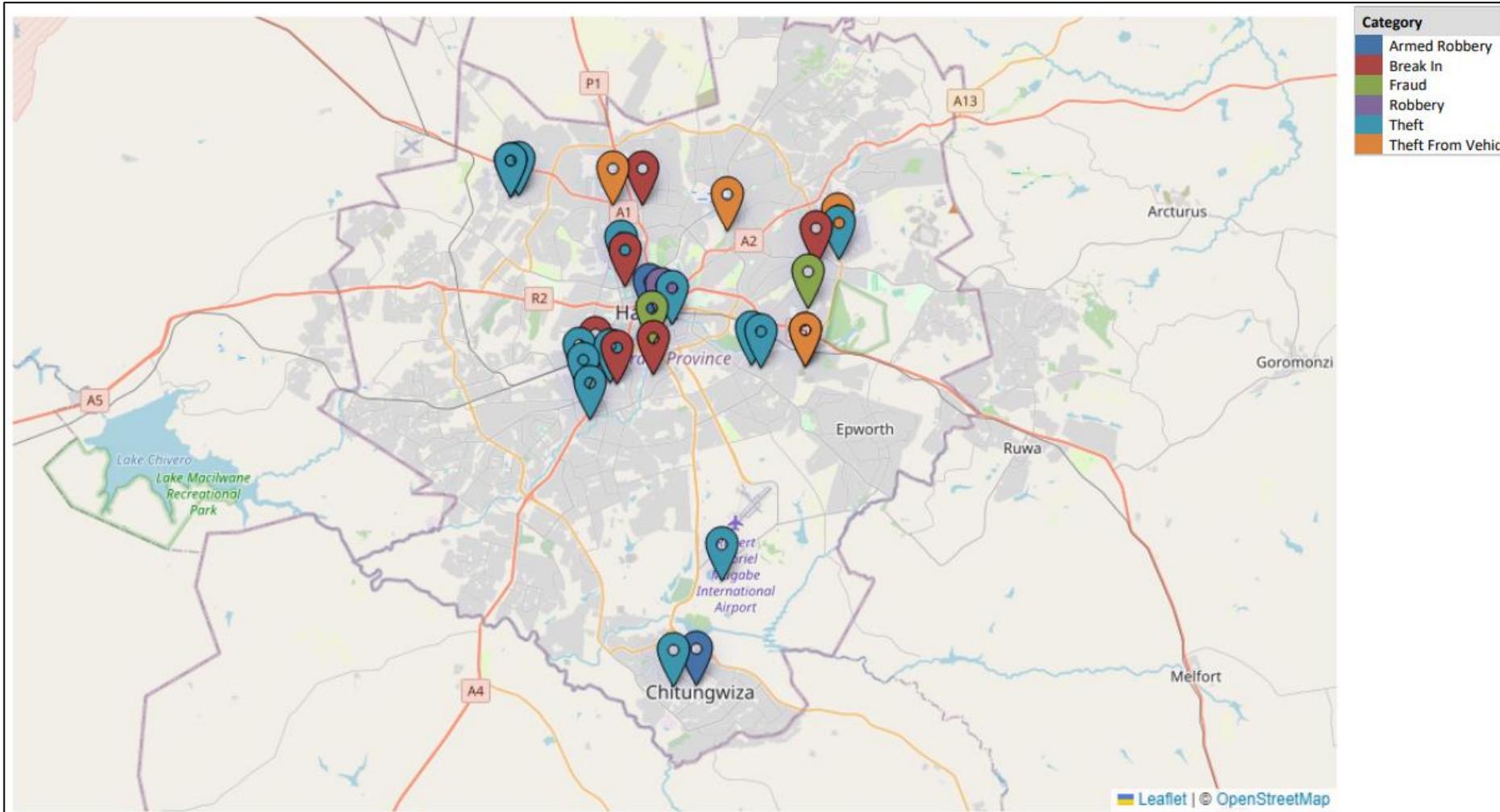
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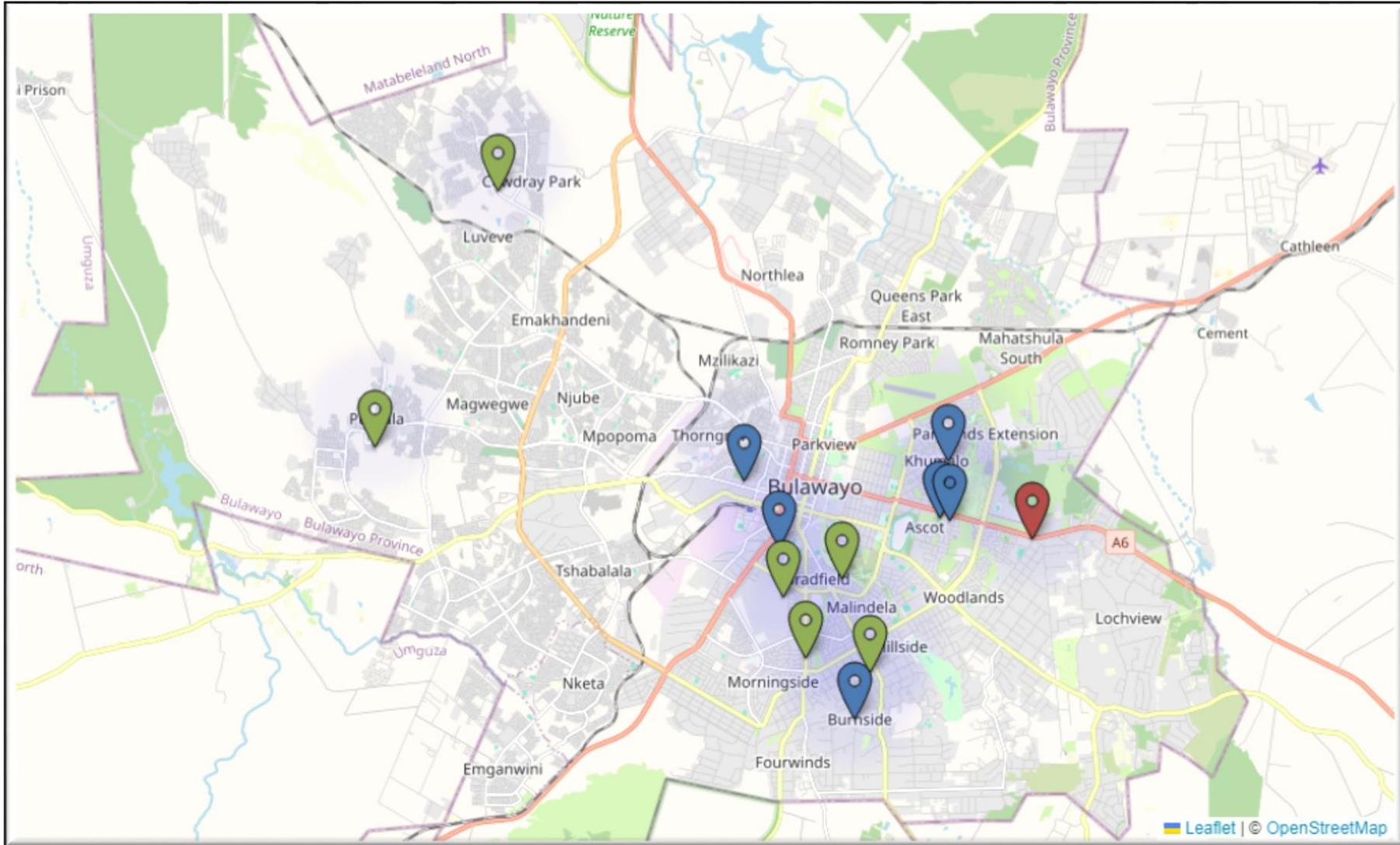
### MONTHLY BREAKDOWN



### GENERAL MAP OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMED INCIDENTS IN HARARE



### GENERAL MAP OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMED INCIDENTS IN BULAWAYO



Category	
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### PROVINCE AND SUBURB BREAKDOWN

Province	Suburb	Armed Robbery	Break In	Fraud	Robbery	Theft	Grand Total
<b>Bulawayo</b>			<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
	City Centre- Bulawayo		1				1
	Famona		1				1
	Hillside		1			1	2
	Khumalo		2				2
	Parklands		1				1
	Suburbs					1	1
	Thorngrove		1		1		2
<b>Harare</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>
	Avenues	1					1
	Avondale		1			1	2
	Avonlea		1				1
	Borrowdale					1	1
	Chitungwiza					1	1
	City Centre- Harare				1	1	2
	Cranborne			1			1
	Graniteside		2				2
	Greendale		1				1
	Hatfield		1				1
	Highlands					2	2
	Mandara		1			1	2
	Mbare					1	1
	Mount Pleasant					1	1
	Msasa		1			2	3
	Mukuvisi					2	2
	Southerton		1			1	2
	Sunway City					1	1
	Waterfalls					1	1
	Westgate					2	2
	Workington					1	1
<b>Manicaland</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
	Chipinge		1				1
	City Centre- Mutare		1				1
	Greenside- Mutare		1				1
	Mutare			1		1	2
	Nyakamete- Mutare					1	1
<b>Mash East</b>						<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	Marondera					1	1
<b>Mat South</b>		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
	Beitbridge	1				1	2
<b>Midlands</b>			<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>
	Light Industries- Gweru		1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51</b>



## INCIDENT SUMMARIES

### BUSINESS SITES/ OFFICES

**Break-In, 18 October 2025, Unknown Time, Second Street, Mutare, Manicaland-** A call was received reporting a break in at the above-mentioned location. The incident is under investigation.

**Theft, 17 October 2025, 1555hrs, Carrick Creagh Road, Borrowdale, Harare-** The guard on duty raised control reporting that he had apprehended an employee who had stolen an undisclosed number of cable rolls.

**Theft, 13 October 2025, Unknown Time, Hillside Road, Msasa, Harare-** A call was received from the site manager reporting the theft of approximately 434 litres of fuel. Preliminary investigations established that an unknown number of intruders entered the premises by vandalising sections of the palisade fencing. The matter is under investigation to determine the suspects involved and the exact circumstances surrounding the theft.

### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

**Theft, 16 October 2025, 0045hrs, Winnies Way, Suburbs, Bulawayo-** Unknown suspects cut and attempted to steal an outside electricity cable. Fortunately, a patrolling guard heard the noise and raised alarm, causing the suspects to flee the scene.

**Theft, 15 October 2025, 0325hrs, Kildare Road, Hillside, Bulawayo-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned residence prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the occupant reported that had pressed the panic button after he sighted unknown individuals attempting to steal copper cables outside his residence. The suspects fled the scene, abandoning the loot as the team arrived.

**Break-In, 11 October 2025, 0258hrs, Matopos Road, Famona, Bulawayo-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned residence prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the occupant reported that unknown intruders had cut and stolen ZESA cables from the eastern side of the premises. No other damage was noted from the property. ZRP attended and investigations are ongoing.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

**Break-In, 09 October 2025, 0317hrs, Tongogara Place, Chipinge, Manicaland-** An alarm signal was received prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the team reported that the perimeter fence had been cut by unknown intruders who had then attempted to force open the entrance door. The intruders fled the scene without stealing anything leaving behind an iron bar, pliers and a hammer. ZRP attended.

### FUEL STATIONS

**Fraud, 29 October 2025, 2030hrs, Airport Road, Cranborne, Harare-** A suspect was arrested after attempting to purchase fuel worth US\$30 using a counterfeit US\$100 note. A response team was immediately dispatched to the scene and on arrival, they found the fuel station supervisor and a Safeguard guard who had apprehended the suspect. He was taken to ZRP for further investigations.



**Theft, 21 October 2025, 0200hrs, Delport Road, Sunway City, Harare-** A report was received after three unknown suspects allegedly siphoned fuel from four trucks which had been parked within the premises. The guard on duty confirmed that he saw the three suspects fleeing the scene. Investigations are underway.

**Theft, 15 October 2025, 2212hrs, Seventh Avenue, City Centre, Harare-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned address prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the fuel attendant reported that unknown suspects driving a Toyota Hilux Twin Cab registration number AFT 7625 arrived on site and asked for change. When the attendant pulled out the money that was in his pocket, one of the suspects grabbed the money and the suspects sped off.

### HOSPITALITY

**Theft, 28 October 2025, 0600hrs, Industrial Site, Beitbridge, Matebeleland South-** During a routine handover, on-site guards discovered that a small gate on the eastern side of the premises had been stolen by unknown suspects. Investigations into the incident are ongoing.

### INDUSTRIAL/ MANUFACTURING SITES

**Break-In, 29 October 2025, 0026hrs, Kelvin North Road, Graniteside-** An alarm signal was received from the above-mentioned address prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. Upon arrival, the team found the main entrance glass door wide open. No items were reported stolen, as the intruders reportedly fled the scene after the alarm sounded.

**Break-In, 21 October 2025, Unknown Time, Coventry Road, Light Industries, Gweru, Midlands-** A report was received from the site indicating that unknown suspects attempted to break into the workshop. The attempt was unsuccessful, and no losses were reported.

**Break-In, 14 October 2025, 2350hrs, Martin Drive, Msasa, Harare-** A panic signal was received after the dog handler on duty sighted four armed intruders scaling into the premises. The security guard on duty immediately raised alarm and called for assistance, resulting in the intruders fleeing the scene before committing any theft. A response team was dispatched promptly; however, upon arrival, the suspects had already fled the scene. No property was reported stolen.

**Theft, 12 October 2025, 0456hrs, Douglas Road, Workington, Harare-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned address. A response team was immediately dispatched. On arrival they met two private guards who reported that they had pressed the panic button after they discovered a water tap had been stolen by unknown individuals. ZRP attended and investigations are ongoing.

**Theft, 10 October 2025, 2030hrs, Manchester Road, Southerton, Harare-** The theft of an undisclosed quantity of beverages was reported from the above-mentioned premises. The items were reportedly transported using a Mazda twin cab with no number plates displayed. A request was made for CCTV footage review by Safeguard operators. Further details will be provided upon completion of the CCTV playback.



**Theft, 10 October 2025, 0020hrs, Liverpool Road, Nyakamete, Mutare, Manicaland-** A wallet containing US\$10 and a cell phone were reported stolen during a local show. One suspect was apprehended, leading to the successful recovery of the stolen cell phone. The second suspect remains at large, and investigations are ongoing.

**Break-In, 09 October 2025, 0359hrs, Kelvin North Road, Graniteside, Harare-** An alarm signal was received from the above-mentioned address, prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the team met a private guard who reported that he never heard the alarm sounding. Further inspections by the Safeguard team revealed that unknown intruders had attempted to enter the building by forcing open the main entrance door. They fled when the alarm sounded, and nothing was reported stolen.

**Break-In, 08 October 2025, 0150hrs, Barrow Road, Southerton, Harare-** An alarm signal was received prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival, investigations revealed an attempted break-in. Two intruders reportedly scaled a precast wall and tried to force entry through the main door. The guard on duty fired a warning shot, forcing the intruders to flee empty-handed. Investigations are underway.

### LOGISTICS

**Theft, 27 October 2025, 0413hrs, Williams Way, Msasa, Harare-** The security guard on duty reported that unknown intruders attempted to steal fuel from two trucks parked outside the premises. The suspects fled, leaving behind two full containers and two empty ones.

**Theft, 14 October 2025, Unknown Time, Cardiff Road, Mutare, Manicaland-** The checker reported the theft of approximately 100 litres of fuel from a truck that had been parked within the premises with the tank open and not secured. More details to follow.

**Fraud, 06 October 2025, Unknown Time, Cardiff Road, Mutare, Manicaland-** A case involving 19 parking receipts that were fraudulently processed was reported. It is alleged that the receipts were issued to drivers without dates, allowing them to later fill in the date corresponding to their day of exit, thereby paying for only one day instead of the full duration of parking. Investigations are underway to determine the extent of the fraud and identify those involved.

**Theft, 02 October 2025, 0221hrs, Williams Way, Msasa, Harare-** Four unidentified suspects targeted a parked trailer. Arriving in a vehicle with dimmed lights, the suspects forced open the trailer's storage compartment and stole three tents were stolen from the trailer.

### PUBLIC LOCATION

**Theft, 30 October 2025, 1130hrs, Mbare, Harare-** A checker reported that his bicycle was stolen by unknown individuals after being securely locked outside. The bicycle was missing upon his return.

**Robbery, 28 October 2025, 0700hrs, Luveve Road, Bulawayo-** An employee reported that he was assaulted and robbed while returning home after his shift. The suspects allegedly struck him on the nose before attempting to steal his cell phone and fleeing the scene.



**Theft, 11 October 2025, 1329hrs, Wretham Road, Ashbrittle, Harare-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned school prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival they found that a vehicle parked outside the premises had been broken into through the rear window by unknown individuals. More details to follow as investigations are underway.

### RESIDENTIAL SITES

**Break-In, 30 October 2025, Unknown Time, Bookend Close, Avonlea, Harare-** A panic signal received from the above-mentioned residence at 0824hrs the following morning. A response team was immediately dispatched to the scene, where the occupant confirmed that unknown intruders had gained entry by breaking the burglar bars on the sitting room window. The suspects reportedly entered the house and stole several bottles of beer before fleeing the scene.

**Armed Robbery, 28 October 2025, 0024hrs, New Medium, Beitbridge, Matebeleland South-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned residence prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the team observed three unknown intruders fleeing the scene. The intruders allegedly gained entry by scaling the precast wall and forcing open the kitchen door using unknown implements. Once inside they stole four cell phones, a detector and money before fleeing. One of the stolen phones is believed to have a tracker, which police are now using to trace the suspects.

**Break-In, 28 October 2025, Unknown Time, Lapford Road, Hatfield, Harare-** A panic signal was received from the property at approximately 0541hrs prompting the dispatch of a response team. Upon arrival, the team met the caretaker, who confirmed that the break in took place during the night. It is alleged that an unknown number of suspects scaled the precast wall to gain access to the property, broke the screen door lock, and removed three lounge window panels. The suspects reportedly stole a lithium battery, an inverter, and two chickens from the refrigerator before fleeing the scene. The alarm was not armed.

**Break-In, 23 October 2025, 0051hrs, Chaplin Road, Khumalo, Bulawayo-** A phone call was received from the client reporting an attempted break in. The internal guard reportedly sighted an individual carrying a sharp object within the premises. The intruder had entered from a neighbouring property, cutting the fence and breaking the kitchen window, but failed to enter the house. Nothing was reported stolen.

**Break-In, 22 October 2025, 0322hrs, St Helens Road, Parklands, Bulawayo-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned residence prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the resident reported that he pressed the panic button after hearing noises from the kitchen. Further investigation revealed that unknown intruders had forced open the kitchen door using unidentified implements but failed to enter the house. Nothing was reported stolen.

**Break-In, 22 October 2025, 0202hrs, Fitch Road, Khumalo, Bulawayo-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned residence prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the occupant narrated that he saw a tall man in dark clothing armed



with a yellow bolt cutter within the premises. The suspect fled the scene upon being spotted and nothing was reported stolen.

**Break-In, 22 October 2025, 0130hrs, Rekayi Tangwena Drive, Greenside, Mutare, Manicaland-** A call for assistance was received from the occupant of the above-mentioned residence after he heard unusual sounds and movement outside. A response team was immediately dispatched and on arrival they observed that the cottage door had been forced open by unknown intruders, but entry into the property was unsuccessful. Nothing was reported stolen.

**Armed Robbery, 17 October 2025, 1830hrs, Fife Avenue, Avenues, Harare-** A phone call was received reporting an armed robbery that occurred at a residential flat along Fife Avenue, Harare. The response team established that a resident was robbed at gunpoint by three unidentified male suspects shortly after being dropped off at her residence. The victim, who was carrying a satchel, suitcase, and plastic bag, proceeded to the sanitary lane to open the small gate to her flat when the suspects suddenly appeared. One of them drew a firearm and ordered her to surrender her belongings. The suspects took the satchel, suitcase, and plastic bag before fleeing the scene in a silver Toyota Vitz, registration AGC 6513. The stolen items include two cell phones, a power bank, headphones, a notebook, bank cards, various medicines, a portable light, clothing, shoes, and food items.

**Break-In, 13 October 2025, Unknown Time, Shaneragh Road, Mandara, Harare-** A call was received from a resident reporting the theft of six solar lights from her property. CCTV footage showed two unidentified intruders scaling the precast wall before uprooting the solar lights positioned along the driveway. The suspects also smashed a car window but did not take any items from the vehicle. They fled the scene by climbing over the main gate. ZRP attended the scene, and investigations are ongoing.

**Theft, 11 October 2025, 1506hrs, Connaught Road, Avondale, Harare-** The guard on duty contacted the control room after observing a reel of cable being thrown over from the neighbouring premises. The guard-maintained observation, and a man later arrived to collect the cable, identifying himself as Tinashe Mutara. Upon inquiry with personnel from the adjacent property, it was established that the individual had provided a false name and had already left the premises with the stolen cable.

**Break-In, 09 October 2025, Unknown Time, Bromsgrove Road, Greendale, Harare-** An alarm signal was triggered at the site after the occupant discovered a break in at 0527hrs. A response team immediately attended and on arrival they heard that unknown intruders had cut the razor wire on the eastern side of the premises and forced open the kitchen door. Once inside they stole beverages before fleeing the scene undetected. The alarm was not armed at the time of the incident.

**Break-In, 06 October 2025, Unknown Time, Sable Street, Mandara, Harare-** A call was received from the client reporting that his BMW vehicle had been broken into at an unknown time during the night. Nothing was reported stolen.



**Break-In, 03 October 2025, 2240hrs, Napier Road, Hillside, Bulawayo-** A panic signal was received from the above-mentioned residence. A response team was immediately dispatched and arrived at the scene a minute late. On arrival, the team heard that an unknown intruder had gained access to the house by jumping over the wall and entering through a damaged bedroom window. Once inside the intruder stole a pistol from a safe, along with other unspecified items. Surveillance footage shows the intruder wearing dark trousers, a white jacket, and a black balaclava while carrying a bag. ZRP attended the scene, and investigations are ongoing.

### RETAIL/ SHOPPING CENTRES

**Theft, 31 October 2025, 2040hrs, Arcturus Road, Highlands, Harare-** The guard on duty raised control reporting that unknown suspects had broken into a vehicle parked in the parking lot and stolen three laptops.

**Theft, 31 October 2025, Unknown Time, Henley Drive Extension, Waterfalls, Harare-** Three full bags of dressed chickens were found along the site's perimeter fence. Preliminary investigations indicate that the chickens were unlawfully removed from the processing section by individuals yet to be identified as investigations continue.

**Theft, 24 October 2025, 1900hrs, Lomagundi Road, Bluffhill, Harare-** The I/C on duty raised the control room reporting that he had apprehended an employee. The employee, who had already completed his shift, had unlawfully re-entered the premises and accessed the ceiling, where he cut copper pipes, resulting in a water leak. During routine inspections, the I/C observed the water leakage and conducted further checks, leading to the discovery of the suspect hiding in the ceiling and in possession of pliers, cutters, and a hacksaw. The suspect was immediately apprehended and handed over to Mabelreign Police Station.

**Theft, 24 October 2025, 1300hrs, Birmingham Road, Marondera, Mashonaland East-** The guard on duty reported that a customer who had parked his vehicle in the car park and proceeded into a shop returned to find the front passenger-side window shattered. A bag containing a laptop had been stolen from the vehicle, and the right front tyre was found deflated, possibly by the unknown suspects. The matter was reported to ZRP, and investigations are ongoing.

**Theft, 23 October 2025, 1515hrs, Birmingham Road, Marondera, Mashonaland East-** The day guard on duty reported that an employee from the reception area approached the guardroom carrying a cardboard box containing a water pump kit, along with a receipt reflecting a price of US\$1. The employee stated that he intended to collect the item at the end of his shift. The guard became suspicious as the box was unusually heavy for the declared value and proceeded to inspect its contents. Further verification confirmed that the actual price of the water pump kit was USD \$534.95.

**Theft, 22 October 2025, 1320hrs, Harris Road, Highlands, Harare-** A briefcase was reported stolen from a vehicle parked at the above-mentioned address after suspects claimed they had been sent by the owner to collect it. A child inside the vehicle handed over the item and the suspects immediately fled the scene. Investigations to identify and apprehend the suspects are underway.



**Theft, 14 October 2025, 0930hrs, Lomagundi Road, Bluffhill, Harare-** A customer reported to the guards on duty that his bicycle had been stolen. Review of CCTV footage revealed an unidentified man wearing a white T-shirt and black trousers taking the unsecured bicycle. A police report has been filed, and investigations are ongoing to identify and apprehend the suspect.

**Theft, 13 October 2025, 1345hrs, Quorn Avenue, Mount Pleasant, Harare-** A report was received from the site inspector regarding a theft and assault incident. Preliminary information indicates that a male suspect attempted to steal alcoholic beverages from the shop. When confronted by an employee, the suspect drew a knife and stabbed the employee before attempting to flee. The on-duty security guard immediately intervened but was also stabbed during the altercation. The suspect then fled the scene on foot but was apprehended a few metres away before being handed over to ZRP.

**Theft, 09 October 2025, 0046hrs, Zengeza 2, Chitungwiza, Harare-** A dog handler stationed at the retail outlet reported the theft of about three metres of earth cable from the rear of a shop. Later, at approximately 0230hrs, the Safeguard guard apprehended the suspect who was found in possession of a pick, a sack of scrap copper, and a steel bar. Investigations are ongoing.

**Theft, 06 October 2025, 0930hrs, Lomagundi Road, Bluff Hill, Harare-** Three bundles of copper pipes were reported stolen at the above-mentioned site. Circumstances regarding the theft remain unclear as investigations are underway.

**Theft, 02 October 2025, 0024hrs, Lorraine Drive, Westgate, Harare-** A report was received indicating that three bundles of copper pipes were stolen from the premises. CCTV footage captured the incident, showing that the intruders gained entry through an unknown access point.

**Break-In, 01 October 2025, Unknown Time, Walsall Road, Thorngrove, Bulawayo-** A client called and reported that unknown intruders broke into the premise through roof and stole ten dollars from the till. The intruders proceeded to steal ZAR 1000 which was in another office. The police attended and investigations are underway.

## **OTHER VERIFIED REPORTS**

A conman allegedly defrauded an employee in Harare of US\$80 using a growing modus operandi in which suspects impersonate family members or acquaintances and reference their names to gain trust. In this case, the perpetrator claimed he had been sent by the victim's husband to collect payment for goods supposedly supplied from South Africa.

ZRP has confirmed the arrest of a 28-year-old suspect in connection with a robbery incident that occurred in Chitungwiza on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. The suspect, acting with five armed accomplices, allegedly raided a grocery tuckshop in Zengeza 4, threatening the complainant with unidentified pistols while demanding cash. The gang reportedly stole US\$380 and a cell phone before fleeing the scene. Following investigations, police recovered a CZ 70 pistol, and efforts to apprehend the remaining suspects are underway.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1983594410915910039>



Police in Bulawayo have launched a manhunt for three armed robbers who raided a residence in Hillcrest on Saturday night, stealing US\$11 780 and R4 500 in cash. The suspects, armed with a pistol and a knife, allegedly forced their way into the home at approximately 2000hrs. The robbers tied the victim's hands and threatened her with a firearm before seizing cash hidden in various parts of the house. Authorities continue to urge residents to avoid keeping large sums of money at home.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/bulawayo-family-robbed-of-over-us11-000-in-armed-home-invasion/>

A senior official at a Harare-based packaging company has appeared in court accused of defrauding her employer of nearly US\$500 000 through fraudulent transactions. The suspect allegedly generated false delivery notes to facilitate the release of preforms to companies that were no longer trading with her employer. The goods were reportedly diverted to another business, which made payments directly to the suspect instead of the company. Investigations further revealed that she received additional payments for goods supplied on credit, which she allegedly converted to personal use.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/mega-pak-zimbabwe-pvt-ltd-manager-up-for-fraud/>

A 19-year-old man from Tshibizwa Village in Beitbridge, Matabeleland South, has been sentenced to four years in prison for his role in an armed robbery in which a villager was robbed of R10 000 and US\$190. The accused, together with three accomplices still at large, allegedly broke into the victim's home in the early hours of the 2nd of June 2025 armed with knives and a pistol. The gang reportedly threatened to kill the victim before stealing the money and firing two shots as they fled. Police investigations led to his arrest.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/19-year-old-beitbridge-man-jailed-four-years-for-robbery/>

Police have launched an investigation into a law enforcement officer accused of unlawfully selling state-issued uniforms, including riot trousers, Special Tactics Unit caps, and grey shirts, to colleagues for cash. The alleged misconduct was uncovered after another officer, arrested in connection with the illegal trade, implicated the suspect.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/cop-up-for-selling-police-uniforms/>

A Bulawayo sales manager has been charged for allegedly defrauding her employer of more than US\$7 000 through a fake receipt scheme involving cell phone sales. The accused reportedly created and used counterfeit receipt books to issue fraudulent sales records, diverting proceeds for personal gain. The offence allegedly occurred between late July and mid-August, and a company stock take revealed the discrepancies prompting an immediate police investigation. Link: [https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/sales-manager-in-court-for-us7-000-cell phone-theft/](https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/sales-manager-in-court-for-us7-000-cell-phone-theft/)

Three artisanal miners from the Manyama have been arrested for allegedly killing a colleague they accused of stealing gold ore. The suspects reportedly confronted the victim near a stockpile at a local mine on Monday night, leading to a violent altercation during which the victim fell into a 25-metre shaft while fleeing. After retrieving him, the trio allegedly tied him up and assaulted him until he lost consciousness. He was later pronounced dead.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/three-artisanal-miners-arrested-in-masvingo-for-fatally-beating-colleague-over-stolen-gold-ore>



The police have arrested Vengesai Jabulani Mutasa after he fatally shot a Constable at ZRP Sanyati early yesterday. He also robbed a man of USD5.00 at the police station. The suspect also shot a CID Homicide detective who was part of a team that was trying to arrest him in connection with the murder of a Ruwa businessman. The suspect was arrested after members of the public quickly mobilised and assisted to apprehend the suspect.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1982574147093098587>

Three police officers are facing theft charges after allegedly stealing and selling police uniforms for personal gain. The trio, who had access to police uniform stores, are accused of systematically removing items over time and distributing them for sale through informal channels. Investigations were launched following a break-in at the PGHQ Ordinance Stores, during which numerous police uniforms went missing. Subsequent leads resulted in the recovery of several new grey police shirts, traced back to the suspects through witness statements and electronic evidence.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/three-harare-police-officers-arrested-for-stealing-and-selling-police-uniforms/>

Police are investigating an armed robbery incident in which property worth more than US\$122 000 was stolen during two separate incidents in Harare. According to reports, a gang of armed suspects broke into a residence in the early hours of the 30th of September 2025 and threatened occupants before they made off with a vehicle, electronic devices, clothing, and cash. The same group is believed to have targeted another home later that night, where they allegedly assaulted the occupants and stole household goods and a vehicle valued at US\$6 000. Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/suspected-harare-armed-robber-involved-in-us122k-robbery-granted-us1-000-bail>

ZRP has arrested two men in Beitbridge for parading an illegal firearm at Dulivhadzimu bus terminus. The suspects were arrested on Thursday following a tip off.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/two-gunmen-nabbed-in-beitbridge/>

Police have warned motorists that decisive action will be taken against those who deliberately obscure or alter their number plates to evade detection by CCTV cameras in central business districts nationwide. Authorities emphasized that number plates are a vehicle's primary means of identification, and tampering with them constitutes a serious offence that endangers public safety.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/police-to-crack-down-on-drivers-obscuring-number-plates>

Five armed suspects allegedly raided a funeral service parlour in Kwekwe, on the 23rd of October 2025 at approximately 0100hrs stealing smartphones valued at approximately US\$410. According to Police, the suspects scaled a precast wall and confronted two security guards and three staff members on duty. The robbers reportedly demanded information on the location of company cash, searched the victims, and confiscated their cell phones before fleeing the scene. The matter is under investigation.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/armed-robbers-pounce-on-funeral-parlour/>



Police have launched a manhunt for a suspect wanted in connection with a series of fraudulent SIM card replacements and hacking incidents that defrauded victims of more than US\$17 000 and ZIG 30 million. The individual is accused of using sophisticated social engineering and identity theft techniques to bypass mobile network security, gaining unauthorised access to bank and mobile money accounts. He allegedly also hijacked victims' WhatsApp accounts, using them to solicit money from their contacts and generate further illicit gains.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/police-hunt-sim-swap-fraudster-who-stole-over-zig-30million/>

Two people were arrested for impersonation after they attempted to write ZIMSEC examinations on behalf of other people. The incidents occurred in Buhera and Bulawayo on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. Of the two suspects, one was attempting to write the examination on behalf of her sister.

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In Beitbridge, police have arrested four suspects, including a male juvenile, in connection with a robbery that occurred in Mutetengwe Village on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. The suspects allegedly attacked the victim with pepper spray before stealing ZAR800 and US\$20. Police recovered a pepper spray canister, two Okapi knives, a torch, and ZAR150 from the suspects. Investigations are ongoing.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1977998360255582209>

ZRP arrested three people in Bikita in connection with the murder of a four-year-old minor. One of the suspects allegedly gave the minor rice which was poisoned as revenge after the minor's parents' goats destroyed her crops.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1977327921674191103>

ZRP is currently looking for Morgen Gwazira in connection with a murder and malicious damage to property that occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in Machingambi Village, Masvingo. The suspect struck his wife with an axe, set her on fire and proceeded to also set his kitchen and other homesteads on fire during this incident.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1977997918805062075>

In Nkayi, the police arrested two individuals for a carjacking that occurred on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 in Plumtree. The two posed as deported hitchhikers and requested a free ride to Plumtree from a motorist. The motorist obliged and allowed them to spend the night with him in his vehicle. Whilst the motorist was asleep, the two searched the motorist, took the keys to his foreign registered Toyota Quantum and drove off towards Dombodema Road. The two later dumped the complainant and fled with the vehicle. The police have recovered stolen vehicle.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1978477948563861855>



A 25-year-old man has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison for attacking a fellow resident with a machete over a dispute at a communal borehole. The court heard that the altercation began after the victim was accused of sitting in the offender's spot. The accused then struck the victim on the head with the machete before fleeing the scene, leaving him with injuries on the head and left arm.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/machete-thug-jailed-for-borehole-violence/>

ZRP Chisumbanje has arrested a 40-year-old man in connection with a robbery that occurred in Checheche, Chipinge, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. The suspect, and his accomplice who remains at large allegedly attacked a woman who was resting under a shade with her daughter, accusing her of picking up money they had lost. The pair robbed the complainant of US\$3 300, ZAR15 400, and a cell phone before fleeing the scene. Police have since recovered US\$1 050, ZAR5 700, and the stolen cell phone, and investigations are continuing.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1978343078227313136>

Four suspected armed robbers were shot dead in a high-speed chase and gun battle with police near the Norton Tollgate on the Harare-Bulawayo Road. According to police, the shoot-out followed an operation targeting a robbery syndicate believed to have entered Zimbabwe from South Africa and linked to a spate of armed robberies in Harare, Bulawayo, and Kwekwe. Authorities confirmed that the suspects opened fire on detectives who were trailing their vehicle, prompting an exchange of gunfire. A silver Toyota Axio used by the suspects was impounded, with two pistols, ammunition, and clothing items recovered. The syndicate is said to be behind at least five major robberies committed this year.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/police-shoot-out-leaves-four-gunmen-dead/>

A Bulawayo woman has appeared in court for allegedly stealing more than US\$11 000 from her employer. The accused, a 31-year-old sales manager at a local beverages company was charged for theft of trust property. According to the NPAZ, the accused collected US\$11,888 from clients for company products but failed to remit the funds, instead converted the money for personal use. None of the money has been recovered.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/woman-allegedly-steals-over-us11-000-from-company/>

A 38-year-old man has been sentenced to eight years and nine months in prison for a series of thefts from medical institutions in Harare, where he posed as a disabled patient to gain entry and steal valuables. He was convicted on seven counts of unlawful entry and theft after compelling evidence, including CCTV footage, confirmed his involvement. The court heard that the offender pretended to be handicapped, using crutches to gain sympathy and access to staff areas, where he stole laptops, cell phones, and other electronic devices. On a later attempt, he was identified by staff and arrested.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/man-jailed-8-years-for-stealing-from-clinics/>

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2025, police in Kadoma arrested a 46-year-old man in connection with three counts of unlawful entry into premises in aggravating circumstances. The suspect is alleged to have broken into three homes in Patchway between the 11<sup>th</sup> of September and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025, stealing various household items. Stolen property included electronics, solar batteries, an inverter, a refrigerator, blankets, baby clothes, and other items. Police have since recovered part of the stolen property. Investigations are ongoing.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1975811414951346299>



A bus bound for Bulawayo was reportedly hijacked in South Africa on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. Passengers were robbed of their belongings, and two people were allegedly shot dead during the attack. Preliminary reports indicate the bus was ambushed shortly after passing the third tollgate from Johannesburg, though further details remain unclear. Investigations are underway.

Link: <https://x.com/ChronicleZim/status/1976178373362917642>

Two women from Bulawayo have been remanded in custody on allegations of facilitating a series of armed robberies between September and October 2025. According to the NPAZ, the accused face two counts of armed robbery after allegedly conspiring with accomplices to target financial outlets and forex dealers. In September, the gang reportedly raided a bureau de change in Bulawayo, stealing US\$16,668, ZAR151,800, a pistol and a DVR recorder. The following month, they allegedly robbed a forex dealer near Leopold Takawira Street of US\$35,000. The robbers are said to have used a grey Toyota Fortuner and a purple Toyota Vitz, both hired to facilitate the crimes. Several accomplices remain at large, and investigations are ongoing.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/2-women-arrested-for-armed-robbery>

ZRP has confirmed the arrest of four suspects in connection with a robbery that occurred in Glenview 3, Harare, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 at approximately 0130hrs. The complainant, who was walking home along a footpath near Remember Night Club, was allegedly attacked and robbed of money, a cell phone, and personal identification documents. Police investigations have further linked the suspects to eight other robbery cases committed in Budiriro and Glenview.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1975907372217327782>

Two serial armed robbers who targeted unsuspecting commuters and taxi drivers have been jailed after a spate of violent crimes that left several victims traumatised and injured. The pair lured victims by offering illegal mushikashika lifts or posing as genuine passengers before threatening them with knives and ropes, stealing valuables, and in some cases inflicting serious injuries.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/two-serial-armed-robbers-jailed-30-years/>

Police in Avondale have arrested a 31-year-old man in connection with cases of unlawful entry and unlawful possession of a firearm. The suspect is alleged to have broken into a house in Mount Pleasant, Harare, where he stole several electronics and cash. He was apprehended at a local Shopping Centre, where police recovered the stolen property, including a black pistol with no magazine and a screwdriver.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1975499404518830150>

Police in Mbare have arrested a 40-year-old patient at a local Hospital for allegedly stealing copper pipes from the hospital. The suspect, who had been admitted with a fractured leg, was reportedly caught tampering with examination lights and removing copper components. Police recovered 45 pieces of copper pipe, each about 20cm long, and an aluminium pipe from the suspect's hospital locker. The suspect is now under police guard at the hospital as investigations continue.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1975499138180510200>



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The ZRP is investigating an incident where a foreign national shot an individual at a mine in Makosa on the 9th of October 2025. Circumstances are that the foreign national was on duty when several suspects targeted a Boiler/Carbon room on site. The foreign national has since been arrested.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1976681226711847177>

Three Banket District Hospital employers have been imprisoned after they stole US\$19 000 meant for the institution's health fund. The three were each sentenced to 36 months imprisonment, with 12 months suspended on condition of good behaviour. They will, therefore, effectively serve 24 months behind bars. None of the stolen money was recovered.

Link: <https://www.newzimbabwe.com/hospital-staff-steals-us19000-from-patients-fund/>

Five armed robbers have each been jailed for nine years after hijacking a vehicle and robbing its occupants of valuables worth US\$6 500. The gang, along with an accomplice still at large, blocked a road with large stones to ambush their victims before pelting the car with rocks. The driver escaped on foot, while the robbers attacked the passengers, stealing cash and cell phones before fleeing with the vehicle, later abandoned in Domboramwari, Epworth. Police investigations led to the arrest of one suspect, who identified his accomplices. Valuables worth US\$5 300 were recovered.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/robbers-jailed-9-years-each/>

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Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/machete-thug-jailed-for-borehole-violence/>

Police in Mazowe have arrested a suspect in connection with the theft of armoured cables at Foyle Farm on the 13th of October 2025. The suspect was apprehended by security guards while vandalizing a transformer and attempting to steal the cables. Upon arrest, police recovered a black satchel containing 12 spanners, three knives, a pair of pliers, an adjustable spanner, four pieces of copper cable, and various clothing items. Investigations are ongoing.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1978343319991160994>