

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Internally, crime increased by 21% in the past month with a significant increase in theft incidents whilst violent crime decreased (42% decrease). Of the reported non-violent crimes, Safeguard noted several cases of internal theft involving employees or contractors at manufacturing and industrial sites.

## OVERVIEW

- Violent property crimes were more prevalent at public locations and retail shopping outlets with an average group size of three suspects. Approximately 56% of the incidents reported to Safeguard occurred in Harare.
  - In Bradfield, Bulawayo, a family was robbed of their vehicle while parked outside a retail outlet.
  - One of the targeted residential sites was targeted twice between November 2025 (attempted break in) and December 2025 (successful robbery) suggesting that the suspects may have had inside information about the presence of money on site.
  - Analysis of incidents reported over the past two months indicates at least two cases of delivery trucks being robbed along the Chinhoyi–Chirundu Highway, particularly in areas after Chinhoyi.
- Regarding high-risk suburbs, Mabelreign and Highlands in Harare and Kelvin West and Steelworks in Bulawayo reported criminal activity over short periods in December.
  - In Vainona, two residential properties were robbed of significant sums of money.
- Robberies and break-ins at residential sites were most prevalent between 0100hours and 0300hours.
- Gate motors and vehicle batteries were the most targeted during break ins and thefts.
- Review of reported incidents indicates that at least three separate sites were targeted on two separate occasions within the past two months, highlighting that where security systems are not improved after an incident, criminals are likely to return. Additionally, it could be that the sites were targeted by individuals with recent inside information on the site and its security.
- Safeguard recorded multiple suspicious vehicles outside industrial premises during night-time hours with the following vehicles observed in the past month:
  - A yellow van without registration plates was seen at a site along Tamworth Road, Donnington at 0027hours on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2025.
  - A grey Toyota Hilux single cab without registration plates entered an office car park along Kingsmead Road, Borrowdale at 1530hours on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2025. The vehicle had four occupants, with one in police uniform and they surveyed the site before leaving the premises after they saw the guard recording their details.
  - A 4x4 with tinted windows and no registration plates, carrying six occupants was seen loitering outside a site along Neil Avenue, Msasa at 2120hours on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2025. The vehicle sped off upon noticing the guard.
  - A white van was seen dropping off four suspicious people along Basch Street and Khami Road in Steeldale at 0233hours on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2025.

**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

Recent statistics published by ZimStats indicate a continued rise in crime, increasing from 2 119 to 2 508 per 100 000 population over the past two quarters. As the new year approaches, opportunistic violent and non-violent crime is expected to persist, as individuals attempt to supplement their incomes in preparation for the new year and its demands. ZimStats further reported that 56.1% of prison admissions involved individuals who were employed prior to incarceration, highlighting the economic drivers of offending. Manufactured goods and high-value items such as copper cables, fuel, vehicle batteries, and motor vehicles are likely to be increasingly targeted and sold on the parallel market in the coming months, with stolen vehicles increasingly used to facilitate other criminal activities.

## ADVISORY

### General Advice

- Always Park in secure and well-lit spaces and ensure that you have an alarm and reliable tracker on your vehicle.
- Review your outdoor sensors and ensure that they cover your car ports and gate motors.

### Businesses, Industrial and Manufacturing

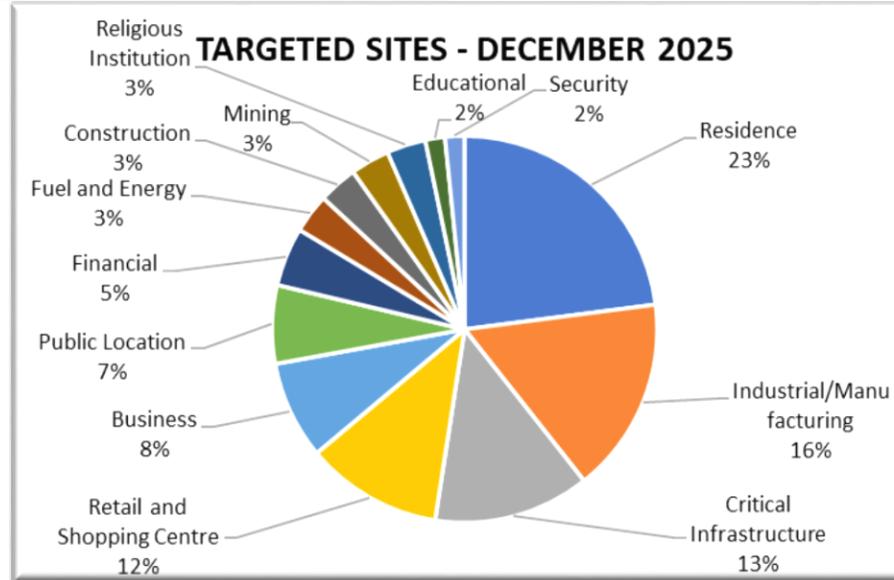
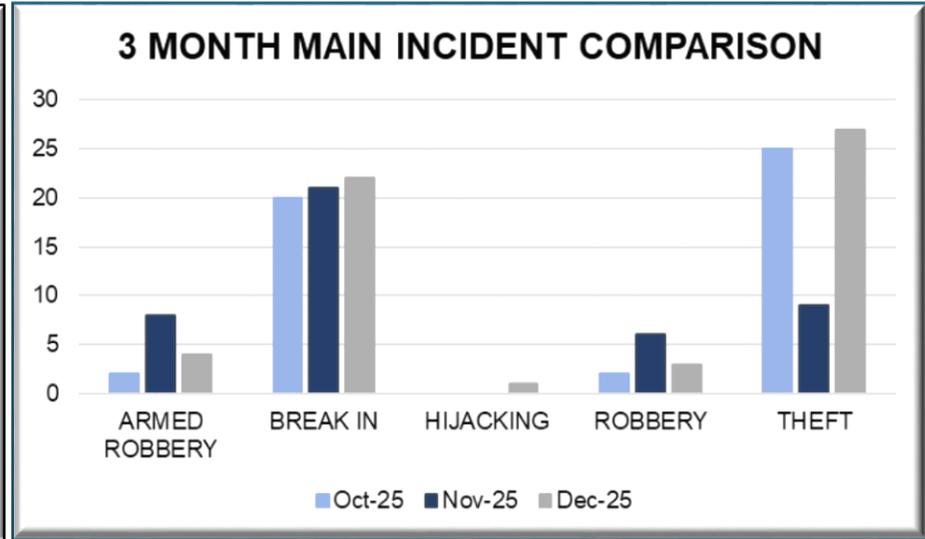
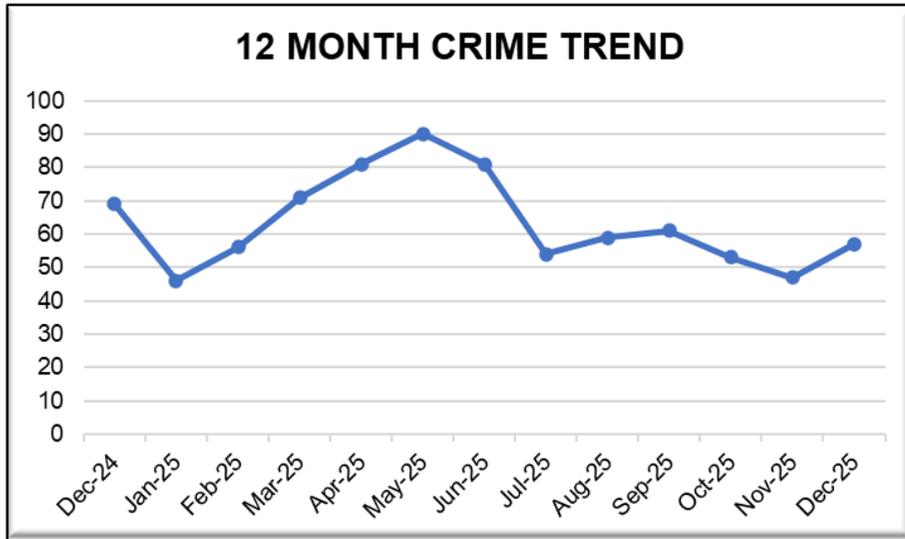
- Where a site has multiple panic buttons, always ensure that they are programmed correctly to allow for prompt response to the right location in the event of an incident.
- Given the reported incidents of suspicious activity at business premises after hours, ensure that CCTV playbacks are conducted daily to monitor any potential criminal activity occurring near the premises as criminals often scout their targets before they attack.
- Ensure that external cameras have wide angle coverage of the outside perimeter as intruders are reportedly parking their getaway vehicles at neighboring premises before crawling or scaling into targeted sites.
- Avoid unsecured transportation of cash over long distances especially on secluded highways as this makes transporters more vulnerable to attack and increases the risk of loss in the event of an accident. Book Safeguard cash in transit services to and from the bank and different locations nationwide.

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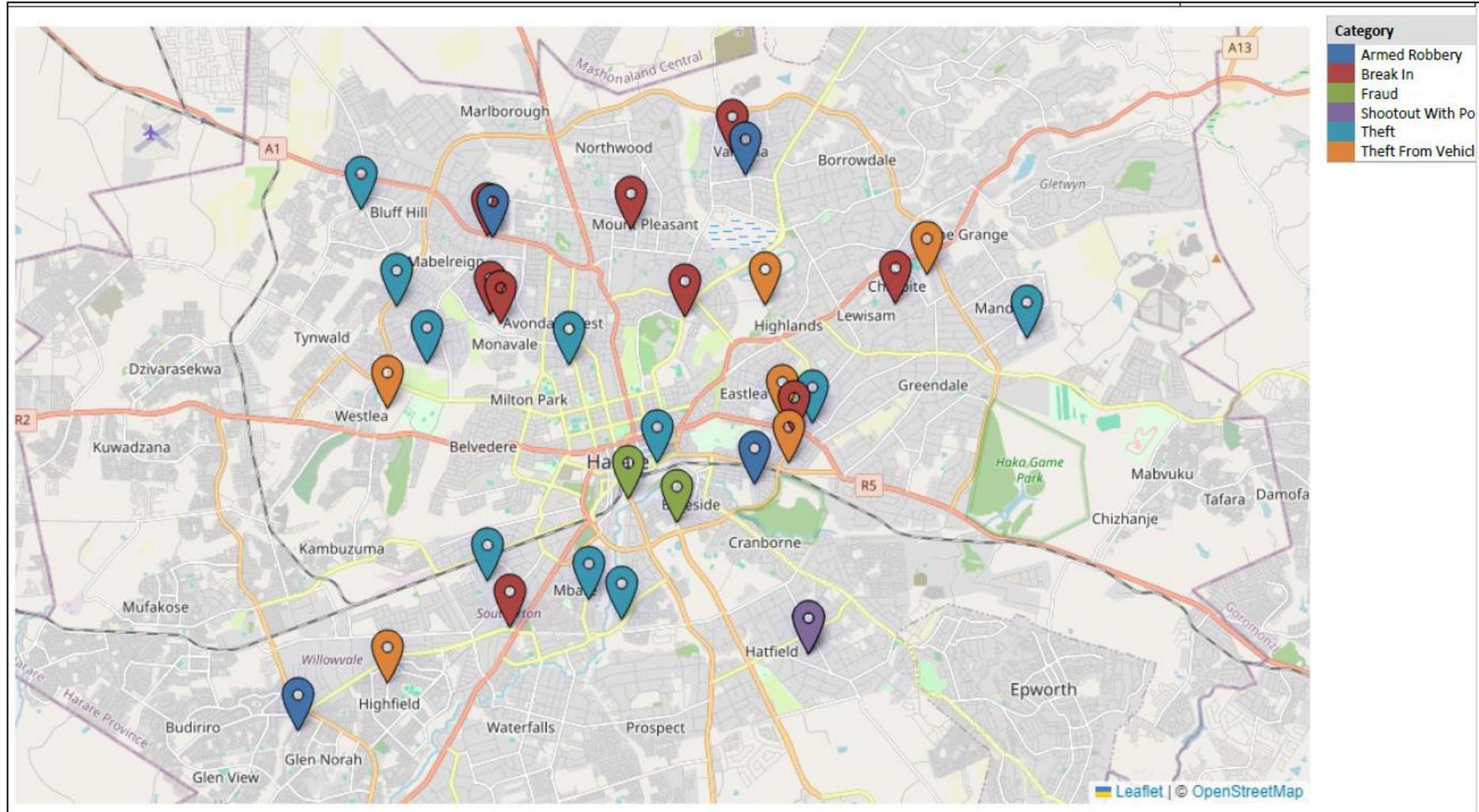
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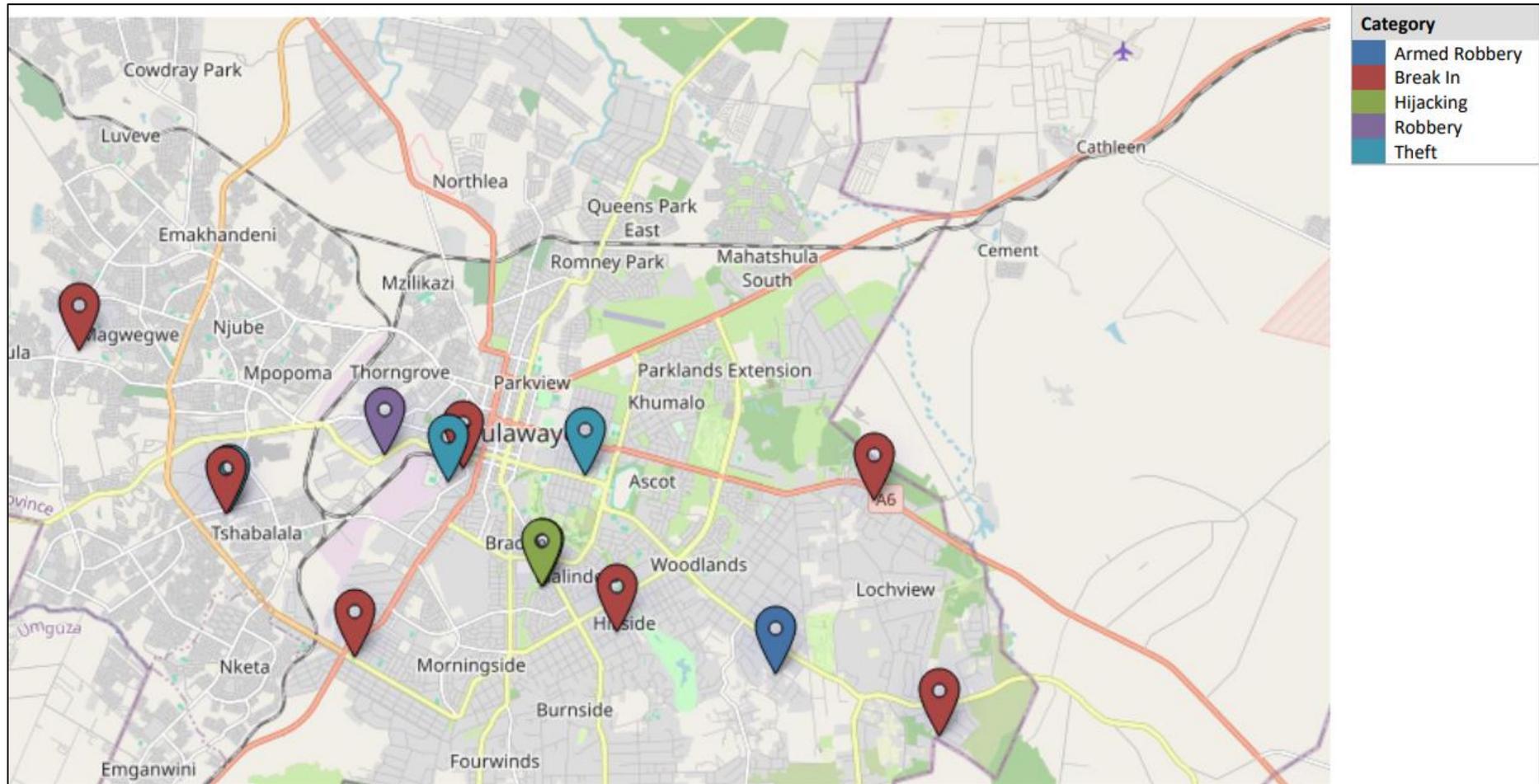
MONTHLY CRIME BREAKDOWN



## GENERAL MAP OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMED INCIDENTS IN HARARE



### GENERAL MAP OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMED INCIDENTS IN BULAWAYO



## INCIDENT BREAKDOWN BY PROVINCE AND SUBURB

Province and Suburb	Armed Robbery	Break In	Hijacking	Robbery	Theft	Total
<b>Bulawayo</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>
Bradfield			1			1
Donnington		1				1
Hillside					1	1
Kelvin West					2	2
Manningdale		1				1
Matsheumhlophe	1					1
Selborne Park		1				1
Steelworks					1	1
Suburbs					1	1
Sunninghill		1				1
Thorngrove					1	1
City Centre - Byo		2				2
<b>Harare</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>
Alexandra Park		1				1
Avondale					1	1
Avonlea		1				1
Bluffhill					1	1
Chisipite		1			1	2
City Centre- Harare					1	1
Eastlea	1				1	2
Glenroy					1	1
Graniteside					1	1
Greencroft				1		1
Greendale					1	1
Highfield	1					1
Highlands		1			2	3
Mabelreign		2			1	3
Mandara					1	1
Mount Pleasant		2				2
Southerton		1				1
Vainona	1	1				2
Westgate					1	1
Westlea					1	1
Willowvale					1	1
Workington		1			1	2
<b>Manicaland</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Bvumba		1				1
Muneni					1	1
Mutare					2	2
Sakubva					1	1
<b>Mashonaland West</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
Karoi		1				1
Orange Grove- Chinhoyi				1		1
<b>Masvingo</b>		<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>



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Chiredzi					1	1
Masvingo	2					2
<b>Mat North</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>
Victoria Falls	1					1
<b>Midlands</b>				<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Shurugwi				1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>57</b>



## INCIDENT SUMMARIES

### BUSINESS SITES

**Break In, 31 December 2025, 0201hrs, Shortheath Road, Chisipite, Harare-** A panic signal was received from the site prompting the dispatch of a response team. On arrival the team heard that intruders had attempted to break into the building by breaking through a door. Armed private security guards manning the site fired warning shots towards the door causing the intruders to flee the scene.

**Armed Robbery, 27 December 2025, 0116hrs, Quinton Road, Eastlea:** A response team was dispatched after an alarm signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team reported that the electric fence and panelled wall had been broken near the gate. The team checked the offices but there were no signs of break in. Whilst checking the site, a supervisor from a private security company arrived to check on the static guard. The guard later arrived and reported that he had been attacked and abducted by three armed intruders who dumped him outside the site at the back along with another guard from a neighbouring site. The intruders reportedly fled the scene when they saw the response team vehicle approaching. No losses were reported on site. The incident was reported to Rhodesville Police Station.

**Theft and Arrest, 14 December 2025, 1430hrs, Samora Machel, Avenues, Harare-** An employee was apprehended by a guard after she attempted to steal a collection of toothpicks from the site. The employee attempted to bribe the guard, but the guard refused and reported the matter to management.

**Assault, 13 December 2025, 1622hrs, Telford Road, Graniteside, Harare-** A supervisor reported that an employee threw a stone at him after a minor misunderstanding. The supervisor was not injured and the employee was disciplined.

**Theft, 13 December 2025, Unspecified Time, Connaught Avenue, Avondale, Harare-** A guard was advised by the client to apprehend a client employee after he was seen stealing power cables. The employee fled the scene after he saw that he had been seen.

**Break-In, 05 December 2025, 0327hrs, Corner Herbert Chitepo Street, City Centre, Bulawayo-** A call was received from the client of the above-mentioned address reporting that unknown intruders had broken a window at the site. A response team was dispatched and on arrival they found that unknown intruders had attempted to break into the building through a window. Nothing was reported stolen.

**Break In, 02 December 2025, 0125hrs, Churchill Avenue, Alexandra Park, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after an alarm signal was received on site. On arrival, the team reported that intruders scaled the panelled wall and forced open the reception door. The client attended and reported that nothing had been stolen. The client reported that the electric fence was always damaged.

**Break In, 02 December 2025, Unknown Time, Hofmeyer Street, Masvingo-** A client reported that intruders forcibly entered the site through a roof and created a hole at the main office where they attempted to blast open a safe.



## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

**Break In, 05 December 2025, 2255hrs, Glenara Avenue, Highlands, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after neighbours reported that intruders were attempting to vandalise a transformer. On arrival, the team reported that intruders had cut the key and the door was wide open, but no losses were reported.

**Theft, 03 December 2025, 0340hrs, Pauling Road, Khumalo, Bulawayo-** A call for assistance was received after the guard on duty heard some footsteps within the building. On arrival the response team did not see anyone suspicious but found that 4 ZESA wires had been cut and stolen by unknown intruders. ZRP was advised.

## FUEL STATION

**Theft, 28 December 2025, Aerodrome, Mutare, Manicaland-** A guard raised the control room and reported that a bin had been stolen from the site during the night.

## INDUSTRIAL/ MANUFACTURING SITES

**Theft, 28 December 2025, 0030hrs, Cardiff Road, Mutare, Manicaland-** A guard raised the control room and reported that eight vehicle batteries had been stolen from trucks parked on site. The guards on site tracked the footprints of the intruders who access the site after scaling the panelled wall and recovered five batteries. A response team was dispatched to assist with the site checks.

**Break In, 28 December 2025, Early morning, Douglas Road, Workington, Harare-** At 0416hours, a supervisor raised the control room and reported that intruders had forcibly entered the site by breaking through the pre cast panels. The intruders threw a rock at the guard room to threaten the guards on site before stealing two tents from a vehicle parked on site.

**Theft and Arrest, 27 December 2025, Sande Crescent, Graniteside, Harare-** A client employee was arrested after he attempted to steal 42 bicycle chains from the site. The employee put the bike chains in a sack, threw them over a wall and proceeded to exit the site. Some guards at a nearby site saw him throw the sack, raised alarm and the employee was apprehended as he tried to flee.

**Theft, 25 December 2025, 0309hrs, Willowvale Road, Willowvale, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after a panic signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team reported that unknown suspects broke into two trucks parked outside and stole large boxes as well as jacks, rockets and rope. The drivers reported they hadn't heard the incident occur, but a private guard reported that he saw a car driving off. The client reported that the trucks were not supposed to be parked outside and were meant to be parked at a truck inn.

**Break In, 22 December 2025, Dunlop Road, Donnington, Bulawayo-** A guard raised the control room and reported that intruders broke the plastered panels, proceeded to the ZESA substation and broke into the substation. Oil spills were observed but it is unclear whether they were caused by the intruders. No losses had yet been reported at the time of this report.



**Theft, 14 December 2025, 0100hrs, Kelvin Road, Kelvin West, Bulawayo-** An internal theft incident was uncovered at the site following the discovery of 30 concealed iron bars. The matter surfaced after a missing tool was reported during the night shift. A search conducted the following morning revealed the deformed bars hidden in tall grass outside the perimeter wall. Investigations implicated members of the night shift operations team. The matter was reported to ZRP and the staff on duty were detained for further investigations.

**Theft, 14 December 2025, Unknown Time, Nugget Road, Westondale, Bulawayo-** A security guard on routine patrol at approximately 0600hrs discovered that unknown intruders had stolen two electric cables, each measuring less than two metres. The cables had been left unsecured outside a building near the rear perimeter fence. No suspects were seen, and investigations are ongoing.

**Theft, 10 December 2025, 2040hrs, Lyton Road, Workington, Harare-** A supervisor raised the control room and reported that a driver had attempted to steal cooking oil by requesting double the stock stated in his collection order. A dispatch guard noticed the discrepancy and reported the matter to the supervisor and client. The driver fled the scene leaving the loaded truck behind.

**Theft, Unknown Date and Time, Basch Street, Steelworks, Bulawayo-** On the 04<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 at approximately 1700hrs the guard on duty at the site reported that an employee of one of the trucks contracted to transport goods from the site had been fined \$41.25 after being found guilty of stealing a 50kg bag of cake flour.

## LEARNING INSTITUTIONS

**Intrusion and Arrest, 28 December 2025, 2320hrs, Chisipite, Harare-** A patrolling guard raised the control room after he saw an intruder at the staff quarters. A response team was dispatched, and the intruder was taken to Highlands Police Station.

**Break in, 09 December 2025, 0025hrs, Emerald Hill, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after an alarm activated on site. On arrival and after conducting checks with the on-duty guard, the team reported that unknown intruders damaged the storeroom and kitchen doors. Bloodstains were also found at a broken office window. The incident was reported to the police.

## PUBLIC LOCATION

**Robbery, 27 December 2025, Shurugwi:** A guard reported that he was attacked by some suspects whilst he was on his way to the bus stop from work. The suspects reportedly robbed him of his shoes and some money before fleeing the scene.

**Theft from Vehicle, 15 December 2025, 2394hrs, Harare Drive and Kirkman, Westlea, Harare-** A client reported that unknown suspects smashed her vehicle window whilst she was driving from work at a service station. The suspects took her handbag which had the office and safe keys and fled the scene.



**Robbery, 13 December 2025, 0257hrs, Chinhoyi, Mashonaland West-** A client reported that one of their delivery vehicles was robbed by an unknown number of suspects after it broke down due to a vehicle puncture near Chinhoyi High School. The suspects locked the driver and salesman at the back of the truck before fleeing the scene. The two were assisted by another delivery truck that saw the truck by the side of the road.

**Theft, 05 December 2025, Unknown Time, Baobab Street, Chiredzi, Masvingo-** A client reported that unknown suspects stolen some telephone cables outside the premises.

**Assault, 02 December 2025, 0410hrs, Chaminuka Road, Chitungwiza, Harare-** A guard reported that he had been attacked by four suspects with dogs. He reported he wasn't injured and that only his uniform was torn. The guard was advised to report to the police.

## RECREATION AND TOURISM

**Theft, 14 December 2025, 1430hrs, Samora Machel, Avenues, Harare-** An employee was apprehended by a guard after she attempted to steal a collection of toothpicks from the site. The employee attempted to bribe the guard, but the guard refused and reported the matter to management.

## RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION

**Break In, 24 December 2025, Fort Street, City Centre, Bulawayo-** A response team was dispatched to check on the site and upon arrival the team reported that the main gate had been cut using a bolt cutter. The intruders then proceeded to the church building, forcibly opened two windows, entered the building, cut the alarm cables and stole solar batteries, a computer and keyboard, a Wi-Fi router and fled the scene. The alarm was not armed at the time of the incident.

## RESIDENTIAL SITES

**Break In, 29 December 2025, Unknown Time, Greengrove Drive, Athlone, Harare-** The client called the control room and reported that intruders had scaled over a plastered panelled wall and smashed the windows of three vehicles before stealing vehicle components including batteries and coil packs. The alarm sensors were not working at the time of the incident. The incident was reported at Rhodesville Police Station and investigations are underway

**Theft, 27 December 2025, 0417hrs, Dundee Road, Eastlea, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after a client called the control room at 0800hours and reported that intruders had broken into some parked vehicles on site. The intruders scaled the panelled wall, tampered with the outdoor sensors and stole four vehicle batteries.

**Break In, 25 December 2025, 0220hrs, Riverhead Road, Sentosa, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after an alarm signal was received from the site at 0528hours. On arrival, the team met with the client who reported that intruders had stolen a gate motor. CCTV playbacks and a site check revealed that at approximately 0220hours, intruders removed two plastered panels to avoid the electric fence, removed the gate motor and fled the scene. There was no alarm at the gate motor.



**Break In, 23 December 2025, Nqina Road, Selbourne Park, Bulawayo-** A client called the control room and reported a break in. Intruders cut the electric fence, switched off the energiser and broke a lounge window. It is suspected that the intruders were targeting the television and other valuables in the lounge.

**Break In, 22 December 2025, 0212hrs, Trafalgar Road, Sentosa, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after a panic signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team reported that unknown suspects damaged the toilet window burglar bars. No signs of forced entry were seen at the perimeter; no losses were reported.

**Theft, 22 December 2025, 0114hrs, 40<sup>th</sup> of Avenue, Mabelreign, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after a panic signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team reported that the intruders removed an alarm sensor from the outside of the garage. The site panelled wall does not have an electric fence or razor wire and the gate was unlocked.

**Break In, 22 December 2025, 2300hrs, Doon Road, Vainona, Harare-** An alarm signal was received at 2352hours, and a response team was dispatched. On arrival, the team met with the client who reported that unknown suspects cut and opened a kitchen window burglar and bathroom window. The intruders removed the main bedroom screen door and stole a significant amount of money and some documents which were in a cupboard. The client informed his helpers when he saw the break in and they triggered the alarm. It is believed that the intruders accessed the site by scaling a plain panelled wall from a neighbouring site.

**Theft, 13 December 2025, Unknown Time, Stratford Road, Greystone Park, Harare-** An unknown number of suspects stole an intercom outside a residential premise.

**Break-In, 12 December 2025, 0338hrs, Annette Road, Sunninghill, Bulawayo-** An alarm signal was received from the above-mentioned residence prompting the immediate dispatch of a response team. On arrival the team found that the electric fence and razor wire had been cut indicating forced entry. A window believed to have triggered the alarm was open, but the intruder had already escaped. Nothing was reported stolen.

**Armed Robbery, 09 December 2025, 0351hrs, Braintree Close, Greencroft, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after a panic signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team reported that a male suspect wearing a mask and armed with an axe and toy gun entered the client's bedroom after removing a bathroom windowpane which doesn't have a sensor. The suspect woke the client, threatened her and demanded cash. The client handed the suspect some cash that was in her bag and the suspect fled through the bedroom window leaving behind the toy gun. The client pressed the panic after the suspect fled the scene.

**Armed Robbery, 07 December 2025, Unknown Time, Granta Road, Vainona, Harare-** Four intruders forcibly entered a residence armed with two firearms and stole a significant amount of money from the residents.



## RETAIL/ SHOPPING CENTRES

**Armed Robbery, 30 December 2025, 0140hrs, Esigodini Road, Matsheumhlophe, Bulawayo-** A response team was dispatched following an alarm activation at the site. On arrival, it was established that four armed suspects had forced entry by grinding the rear entrance door. The intruders overpowered and restrained the guard on duty before ransacking the premises. They fled the scene with cash and groceries upon the arrival of the response team. Police attended, and investigations are underway.

**Theft, 1410hrs, Enterprise Road, Chisipite, Harare-** A customer reported that unknown suspects smashed the front passenger window and stole a handbag with some money. It is suspected that a black Toyota Fortuner GD6 AFD 3310 may have been involved in the incident.

**Armed Robbery, 25 December 2025, 0153hrs, Highlen Road, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after a panic signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team met with the police and received a report that four intruders with two of them armed and wearing face masks, entered a pharmacy and ordered the staff to lie down before taking money from the pharmacist.

**Hijacking, 22 December 2025, 2135hrs, Hillside Road, Bulawayo** A response team was dispatched after a panic signal was received from the site. On arrival, the team received a report that four suspects hijacked a customer at gunpoint and robbed them of their vehicle, a white Toyota Hilux twin can with registration KM98KP and fled the scene along Burns Drive.

**Theft, 13 December 2025, 0130hrs, Woodbury Road, Thorngrove, Bulawayo-** Response teams attended to reports of suspicious activity at a wholesale site. On arrival the team heard that unknown suspects were heard trying to steal goods from the trucks parked outside the premises. A warning shot was fired by the guard on duty causing the suspects to flee. A thorough search of the premises was conducted and nothing was reported stolen. ZRP attended and investigations are underway.

**Theft from Vehicle, 04 December 2025, 1750hrs, Arcturus Road, Highlands, Harare-** A customer reported that her vehicle had been broken into and that a cell phone, two passports, two I-pads and a bag of clothing had been stolen from the vehicle. CCTV playbacks revealed that unknown suspects driving a white Honda Vezel AFR 4537 had smashed her vehicle window and stolen the items.

**Theft, 03 December 2025, 1430hrs, Glenara Avenue, Highlands, Harare-** A suspicious incident was reported after three unidentified men in a white Honda Fit were seen deflating the tyre of a Toyota Hilux. The suspects fled the scene at high speed when approached by the security guard. A response team attended, and nothing was reported stolen.

## SECURITY BASE

**Suspicious Vehicle, 23 December 2025, 0900hours, Thorngrove, Bulawayo-** A suspicious vehicle, a white Ford Ranger single cab with registration AGH 2494 was seen outside the site. The vehicle had four occupants who parked on site and drove off after 5mins.

**Break In, 01 December 2025, 0103hrs, Joliffe Road, Southerton, Harare-** A response team was dispatched after an alarm signal was received from the site. On arrival the team met an internal guard who reported that he had seen an intruder in the premises. The guard jumped into the next contract whilst the intruder jumped outside. Response reported that intruders twisted two cameras. Checks revealed that the back camera was also twisted. The intruder removed the roofing sheet at the security shop but failed to enter the building. He broke a small window close to the roof, entered the building and switched some lights on and off. The intruder fled and left behind a knife and remote.

## **OTHER VERIFIED MEDIA REPORTS**

Police in Bulawayo arrested a suspect for the theft of a satchel, MacBook, HP laptop, audio mix and router from an Outside Broadcasting van on the 28th of December 2025 at ZITF Grounds. The suspect was arrested whilst selling the stolen laptop in Bulawayo CBD. All the stolen items were recovered.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2006410491971662208?s=20>

According to ZimStats, Bulawayo recorded the highest vulnerability to crime during the 2025 third quarter, with a crime rate above double the national average of 2 508 per 100 000. Bulawayo recorded a crime rate of 6 321.3 per 100 000 population. Compared to the last quarter, national crime increased from 2 119 per 100 000 population to 2 508 per 100 000 population with crimes against public safety and state security as the most prevalent crimes.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/bulawayo-crime-rate-twice-more-than-national-average/>

Police are investigating the kidnapping of a four-month-old baby which occurred in New Parklands. The baby, a twin, was kidnapped after the mother interacted with an unknown stranger who posed as a Good Samaritan assisting those in need of children's clothing. The mother gave the individual, who identified herself as MaNdlovu of Cowdray Park, directions to her residence so she could drop off the clothing. On the day that MaNdlovu was meant to deliver the clothes, she informed the mother to wait at the intersection of Harare Road and Cecil Avenue, Parklands. The mother then took one of the twin babies and left the other sleeping. The mother waited at the meeting point and MaNdlovu advised her that she had sent someone to meet her. When the person didn't arrive, the mother returned home and discovered that her baby was missing.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/four-month-old-baby-kidnapped-in-bulawayo>

ZRP is currently looking for information which may lead to the arrest of seven suspects in connection with several armed robberies which occurred in and around Harare. The suspects are Valentine Mutasa (36), Paul Chinake (37), Wisdom Solomon Tariro, Crispin Kado (34), Ignatius Bumhira (45), Partson Amenabar (37) and Kudakwashe Mudzingwa (40).

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2006405689858539572?s=20>

On the 30<sup>TH</sup> of December 2025, a foreign nation was arrested along Princess Road, Newlands in Harare by CID Counter Terrorism Unit for the unlawful possession of crystal meth and a SAR 9X pistol with 11 rounds.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2006405807412232287?s=20>



In Harare, on the 30<sup>TH</sup> of December 2025, police arrested two suspects at the intersection of Bute Street and Fidel Castro Street for impersonating members of the security services. The two were in possession of handcuffs, fake IDs and a camouflage cap.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2006410737292361812?s=20>

On the 29<sup>TH</sup> of December 2025, police arrested two suspects at the 103km peg along Harare -Masvingo Road in Featherstone in connection with the theft of a Toyota Hilux Raider. The vehicle was being towed by a wrecker from Beitbridge to Harare after it had been stolen in Pretoria, South Africa. The vehicle had fake vehicle and radio licensing and the number plates on it belonged to a different vehicle.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2006036943193207245?s=20>

In Kwekwe, police are investigating the theft of a blue Honda Fit registration AEB 6022. The vehicle was stolen from a car park on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2025.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2005692571465732545?s=20>

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2025, Masvingo police acted on a tip off and arrested three suspects for the possession of burnt copper cables which the suspects were loading at a house in Westview. A search of the residence resulted in the recovery of electrical copper cables and copper rewinds. The suspects attempted to bribe the police with USD200 resulting in an additional charge of bribery.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/2005226251183632863?s=20>

An investigation is underway after an inmate escaped from Harare Central Prison during an in-house training course. The escapee, Jeffrey Jingura, was in possession of a vehicle which he was repairing at the Harare Central Prison Workshops.

Link: <https://www.newzimbabwe.com/dramatic-escape-as-inmate-drives-off-from-harare-central-prison/>

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2025, a resident of Stratford Road, Greystone Park, reported a suspicious bus, registration AGS 0112, parked along the street. The vehicle had also been seen in the area during the previous week.

Police in Harare are appealing for information leading to the arrest of Malvern Muyaadzi Guzuzu, who is wanted in connection with a fraud case involving USD 36,652. Anyone with information is urged to report to the nearest police station.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1999151106077696311?s=20>

Takawira Guruza, has been arrested after he and four accomplices still at large, staged a fake arrest on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2025 and robbed two individuals of USD600 in Ruwa. The five misrepresented themselves as police officers and hired a taxi. The five then approached two complainants and accused one of the complainants of committing an unspecified offence. They forced the complainant into the taxi, searched a bag and stole money. The five then attempted to hijack the taxi driver and one of the complainants jumped out of the vehicle and raised alarm, leading to the arrest of Takawira Guruza whilst the rest fled the scene with the stolen money.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/fake-cop-nabbed-after-daylight-robbery-drama/>

Police in Kwekwe arrested four suspects for allegedly selling counterfeit sugar falsely labelled as Huetts sugar. The product, packaged to appear genuine, raised alarm after authorities received a tip-off about a suspicious delivery at a local wholesale outlet. Detectives intercepted a truck carrying 698 bags of the fake sugar before it reached the market. A representative from the legitimate manufacturer confirmed the consignment was counterfeit. Authorities warn that counterfeit food products pose significant health and safety risks and efforts to dismantle the syndicate are ongoing.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/four-busted-with-fake-sugar-police-seize-14-tonnes-of-counterfeit-sweetness>

Zimbabwe has introduced an intelligent, solar-powered traffic control system aimed at easing congestion and improving road safety. The Intelligent Traffic Controller (ITC3) uses artificial intelligence, loop detectors and smart cameras to analyse real-time traffic and automatically adjust green-light times. The system is cloud-connected, enabling engineers to monitor intersections remotely, update timing plans and gather accurate traffic data.

Link: <https://www.zbcnews.co.zw/locally-developed-smart-traffic-lights-promise-major-congestion-relief/>

On the 4th of December 2025, three suspects attacked residents at a plot in Lismore, Chegutu threatened the residents with Colombian knives whilst demanding cash. The suspects took a Bluetooth speaker, three cell phones and money. One of the suspects, entered one of the rooms and sexually assaulted a woman at gunpoint. The third suspect has since been arrested by the police.

Link: <https://www.newzimbabwe.com/police-arrest-chegutu-man-for-rape-robbery/>

Police in Harare have recovered three pistols linked to armed robberies at Mukuru Money Transfer outlets. Two suspects involved in hiding the weapons are in custody, while the main suspect, already serving a sentence for armed robbery, has been implicated. Separately, a woman was arrested at the airport carrying live ammunition. Investigations into the incidents are ongoing.

Link: <https://www.myzimbabwe.co.zw/news/184961-harare-woman-found-with-live-ammunition-at-airport-as-police-arrest-mukuru-money-transfer-armed-robbers>

The ZRP has rolled out body-worn cameras to officers nationwide as part of efforts to modernise law enforcement and enhance accountability. The development follows the recent introduction of the Smart Traffic Enforcement System in Harare and Bulawayo, as well as the deployment of breathalysers and speed cameras on major highways to curb speeding and drunk driving. Police confirmed that the cameras have been distributed to all provinces, with training of officers currently underway. The cameras are expected to promote transparency, improve evidence collection and deter misconduct by both officers and the public.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/breaking-zrp-deploys-body-cameras-to-its-officers-nationwide/>

Parents and guardians are urged to closely supervise minors. This follows two drowning incidents in Bulawayo and Harare on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. The ZRP implores the public to ensure that open water sources, pits and other hazards are secured to prevent similar tragedies.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1995139110793535900?s=20>

A 35-year-old Gwanda man has appeared in court for allegedly participating in an armed robbery at a supermarket in Pumula East, Bulawayo, where US\$370 was stolen. The incident occurred on the 26th of July 2025, when the accused and his accomplices, who remain at large, allegedly arrived in a Blue unregistered Honda Fit, covered their faces with balaclavas, and ordered workers to lie down at gunpoint. The suspect is accused of guarding the entrance while the others looted the tills. Police recovered a 9mm semi-automatic pistol with 15 live rounds when they arrested him on the 21st of November 2025.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/gwanda-man-in-dock-for-us370-supermarket-raid/>

A mine worker at a mine on the outskirts of Bulawayo appeared in court for allegedly stealing gold ore from an underground shaft. The suspect was remanded in custody pending a forensic report to determine the weight and value of the recovered ore. According to court submissions, the worker was searched after completing a shift and was allegedly found with several pieces of gold ore concealed in his clothing. He was apprehended and handed over to the CID Minerals, Flora and Fauna Unit for further investigations.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/old-nic-mine-worker-in-court-for-allegedly-stealing-gold-ore/>

A Bulawayo prophet has appeared in court facing allegations of defrauding a former bank manager of cash and vehicles during fake “cleansing rituals.” Madzibaba Chidarikire, allegedly planted snakes in the complainant’s home to convince her she was under spiritual attack before demanding payments totalling thousands of dollars, including a Mazda Demio, a Toyota Aqua and proceeds from the sale of a Toyota Hilux. The court heard that the suspect threatened the complainant, repeatedly summoned her to his shrine, and continued demanding money until disappearing.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/madzibaba-plants-snakes-dupes-bank-manager-of-us3-000-toyota-hilux-toyota-aqua>

Police in Bulawayo have arrested three suspects linked to a violent robbery at a logistics warehouse where a security guard was tied up, stabbed and gagged during a raid. The suspects, who were masked and armed with knives and tools, allegedly attempted to load building materials into a truck before being intercepted by police. Preliminary investigations indicate that one of the suspects is a former employee of the company. Investigations are ongoing.

Link: <https://x.com/PoliceZimbabwe/status/1997653768431603894?s=20>

Two men from Bulawayo have appeared in court for allegedly breaking into a residence in Nkulumane and stealing R2 000. According to the prosecution, the accused allegedly forced entry through a kitchen door on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 and threatened the occupant with an axe while demanding cash and valuables. The complainant handed over R2 000 but later managed to escape to a neighbouring house.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/men-armed-with-axe-allegedly-rob-woman-of-r2-000-in-nkulumane/>

A 19-year-old Bulawayo man has been fined US\$150 after stealing a cell phone from a minor. The accused, who pleaded guilty to theft, was ordered to pay the fine by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2026 or serve three months’ imprisonment. The incident occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 when the suspect asked a Form One pupil near Congo Beer Garden, Mpopoma, to use



her phone. He ran off with the device, but members of the public apprehended him and recovered the handset.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/teen-fined-us150-after-running-off-with-borrowed-cellphone>

Two foreign nationals appeared in court for allegedly robbing a fuel service station of US\$4 405 and R1 350 at gunpoint, with a third accomplice still at large. The incident occurred on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 at a service station located at the intersection of Plumtree and Gladstone Road, Bulawayo. The accused allegedly arrived in a Honda Fit, threatened a supervisor with a firearm and fled with cash. Police recovered a pistol and part of the stolen money, and investigations are continuing. Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/two-south-africa-nationals-in-court-for-fuel-station-armed-robbery/>

Cabinet, has approved the Whistleblowers and Witness Protection Bill, providing legal safeguards for individuals reporting corruption or testifying in related cases. The Bill establishes a Witness Protection Unit and an Appeal Tribunal under the National Prosecuting Authority, aiming to encourage reporting and strengthen prosecutions.

Link: <https://www.heraldonline.co.zw/whistle-blower-protection-a-new-era-in-anti-corruption-fight/>