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Evergreen Lifestyle Village Bergvliet 30 Homestead Avenue Bergvliet 7945

Dear Residents,

SECURITY BREACH - WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, we had a security breach along the M3 perimeter fence. A group of perpetrators managed to gain access from the M3 into the village using a tree located next to the electric fence. These criminals manipulated the electric fence and tried to force their way into a unit. Our security guard on their regular village and boundary patrol caught them in the act and activated the panic button summoning ADT. The perpetrators however managed to get back over the fence and escape along the M3 highway before they could be apprehended. ADT ensured that the site was secured and then continued to search and patrol the area but unfortunately no arrests were made.

Your safety, security and well-being is paramount and we are very concerned about what has happened and we compliment our security team for their efforts.

We pride ourselves in creating a safe and secure environment and we have immediately made some changes:

- introduced a perimeter patrol along the M3 boundary, in addition to our existing interior village patrols
- we have attached loops of razor wire to the tree to make it very difficult for it to be scaled:
- we have contacted the City of Cape Town to arrange to have the tree and reeds/grass cut down as soon as possible;
- we have removed the limb of another tree further down the line, near the electric fence that could present a problem;



In addition, we will be looking at different options to further enhance our village security.

We get bombarded daily with media reports that crime is on the rise and it looks like SAPS are just not able to keep up with the increased crime activity. The risk is ever present and we urge you, the resident, to assist us in keeping this in check.

We recommend you adhere to the following safety and security related guidelines by ensuring that:

- windows and doors are to be secured and locked at night and while you are away from home;
- burglar bars and trellidor or similar security gates be installed for windows and doors that you wish to keep open;
- garden implements and ladders should be locked away at night;
- your garage doors are closed at night;
- valuables are secured in a safe; and
- your telecare system is tested on a regular basis;

Notwithstanding the fact that we continue to do the best we can to keep the village secure, the reality is that these incidents do happen.

Kind regards,

Derek Drew

MANAGING DIRECTOR