

Circular 52-2019

04 December 2019

Dear Residents,

INCIDENT AT VILLAGE ENTRANCE.

On Tuesday 3 December 2019, at approximately 16:05 there was an attempted armed robbery at the entrance gate.

The son of one of our residents is visiting from overseas. We believe that he was followed by the assailants from the mall where he had withdrawn a large amount of cash and was targeted for his Rolex watch as well. When he arrived back at the village, he drove into the visitor's gate and was tailgated by the car with the 4 assailants in it. They parked right behind him so that the gate could not close and three armed men jumped out of the car to approach the driver. Security acted fast and opened the boom gate for him so that he could drive through and the boom gate closed blocking the assailants from getting into the village. At this stage the three-armed men jumped back into the car and reversed out into Frederick Road and sped off.

Fortunately, no one was injured and the attempt was foiled by Security's quick reaction.

Once again, we would like to remind our Residents to be vigilant at all times when outside the safety of the village and to please tell visiting family members to be vigilant as well. Please report any strange looking activities and behaviours to the immediate vicinity management.

We would like to remind you of the procedure if at all you are concerned that you might be followed (we all need to be vigilant in this). If you are too close to our entrance when you realize something amiss, probably better to drive around the block giving time to phone security, so by the time you arrive back at our gate, security will have been alerted with gates open, presence outside etc.

Please ensure you save the number on your phone: **071 1732 406** to make sure the number is 'readily available/easily accessible' on your mobile phone. In a stressful situation time is of essence!

Assailants will be watching ATM's and shopping Malls at this time of year, so maybe if one has done a large 'shop' - alert the guards in good time as you drive (or before you leave the Mall/Bank), giving a good ETA - better to be safe than sorry.

Thanking you all in advance of your co-operation and please be safe during the "Silly Season"

Kind regards,

Wilma Swart

Village Manager