

ANTI PROPERTY THEFT

Reject and Report Stolen Goods

Property related crimes are on the increase in various parts of the North West province. The prevalence of these crimes is mostly influenced by an existing market for selling the stolen goods. The demand for stolen goods also influences the supply thereof. It is therefore important to break the cycle by ensuring that criminals do not find it easy to dispose of stolen properties by selling it to members of the public and continue to commit further crimes.

Members of the public are therefore called upon to refrain from buying stolen properties or items which they reasonably suspect that they were not obtained through legal means by the seller.



It should be noted that in some instances criminals resort to violent behaviour /actions to obtain stolen properties and this often results in victims being seriously injured or even losing their lives.

Stolen properties are mostly obtained through committing the following crimes:

- Burglary residential
- Burglary business
- Theft of motor vehicle
- Theft out of motor vehicle
- Theft from motor vehicle
- House Robbery
- Business Robbery
- Car hijacking
- Common robbery
- Stock theft

Criminals mostly target items that are:

- Concealable
- Removable
- Available
- Valuable
- Enjoyable
- Disposable



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IF YOU BUY IT, MORE VICTIMS WILL SUFFER FROM CRIME

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Contact your local police station or phone:

SAPS Emergency Line **10111**
SAPS Crime Stop **08600 10111**
Departmental Call Centre: **0800 204 992**

Items that are usually stolen and sold by criminals include:

- Audio/visual electronic equipment such as television sets, DVD players, radio and satellite decoders
- Groceries
- Airtime vouchers
- Motor vehicle or parts thereof
- Cellular phones
- Clothing items
- Mechanical tools
- Agricultural produce/Stock (sheep,goat,cow etc)



Circumstances whereby a member of the public may suspect that the item being sold is possibly stolen:

- The seller is unable to give reasonable account of how he/she obtained the item e.g. receipt.
- The packaging or condition of the item being sold is not of original or good quality.
- The serial numbers of the item are filed off/tampered with.
- The seller is eager to conclude the sale/transaction hastily , including offering the item at a ridiculously low price.

Members of the public are encouraged to assist in the fight against trading in stolen goods by:

- Rejecting the stolen properties and reporting criminals involved in this activity
- Marking(engraving)and writing down of serial numbers of items for identification purposes
- Brand marking / tattooing and regular counting of stock

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