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Security At Work In The Umhlanga UIP

Thanks to the efforts of the South Africa Police Services (SAPS), and the uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP) security officers who are managed by Enforce Security Services, the activities of criminals in the uMhlanga UIP area were thwarted on three separate occasions.

The first incident took place on 15th March, when a security officer patrolling Marine Drive noticed a male jumping over the wall of one of the properties. He called the UIP control room for back up and 2 more guards responded. The perpetrator was apprehended and while no stolen goods were found in his possession, he was arrested and charged with trespassing. He was handed over to the SAPS Durban North, who were also on site, and he is currently being detained pending his court appearance.

The second incident took place on 16th March when, on a routine patrol, the Durban North SAPS caught two men breaking into and stealing goods from a car in Lagoon Drive extension. While one of the suspects escaped down the beach with the stolen items, the other was arrested and it was later found that he was linked to other cases of theft of and theft out of motor vehicles in the area. The uMhlanga UIP security officers were one site to assist SAPS and secure the vehicle while the owner was alerted.

The last incident took place on 19th March, when a resident called the uMhlanga UIP emergency number to say that a break in was in progress at a complex in Lagoon Drive. The UIP reaction vehicle was dispatched and the UIP supervisor called the two patrolling guards on the beach to cover the seaside, and the guards on Lagoon Drive to cover the servitude as well as Lagoon Drive. After searching for the suspects in the grounds of the complex, the two men were eventually found hiding in a garage, in possession of the security chain that had been cut off the complex gate. The suspects were handed over to SAPS and taken to the Durban North police station where it was later found that they were linked to other house-breaking incidents in the area.

“The outcome of these three incidents is not only testament to the effectiveness of the uMhlanga UIP security systems and the way in which they play out on the ground, but to the relationship the UIP has with SAPS and how this benefits the area. While we are satisfied with the arrests made, these incidents are a reminder that we need to stay vigilant and report suspicious behavior,” said uMhlanga UIP project leader Brian Wright.

The uMhlanga UIP emergency number is: 086 111 2050 and operates 24/7.

Note to editors:

The Umhlanga Urban Improvement Precincts (UIPs) were established by the Umhlanga property owners to retain existing investment in Umhlanga; stimulate new investment; create economic opportunity; improve safety and quality of life, and respond to the challenge of environmental sustainability.

In terms of structure, there are two UIPs or Special Ratings Areas (SRA) as they are official termed by the municipality namely, The Umhlanga Promenade UIP established in March 2003 and the The Village UIP, established in July 2008. These UIPs, collectively known as the Umhlanga UIP represent 29 large erven. In addition to the two UIPs, there are a further three Associate Managed Areas namely the Southern Promenade Properties (SPP) – established 2004; the Northern Promenade Properties (NPP) – established 2010, and Park to Park (Durban View to Eastmore Crescent) – established 2010. These three areas represent approximately 42 large erven.

The UIP partners with the eThekweni Municipality to ensure that this key node delivers an exceptional experience of public space. The UIP management team is constantly responding to the ever evolving needs of Umhlanga, whether it be service levels or special projects.

For more information on the uMhlanga UIP and the work it does, please visit www.umhlangauip.co.za

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