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UIP Security Warning – Criminals Tampering With Electrical Gate Auto Closing Mechanism

The uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP) and the uMhlanga CPF are issuing a warning to residents about an increase of unauthorised access into private property in the area.

Over the last few weeks, the UIP and CPF have noted a trend of vehicle theft from cluster residential properties where there is no sign of forced entry and no access has been given. Investigations have revealed the following:

- The beam that governs how long the gate stays open is being obstructed with tape or bubble gum while the gate is closed
- Because the beam is blocked, the gate will stay open and more often than not, the driver will not wait for the gate to close
- The perpetrator hiding in the area then enters through the open gate
- He is then able to take his time, steal a vehicle and exit the property, removing the object that is blocking the beam on the way out.

The UIP and CPF are urging residents to consider the following recommendations:

- Where possible do away with auto beams and rather implement a push to open and close system
- If beams must remain, relocated all beams to the inside of the closed gates and secure the area around the beam using spikes or razor wire.
- Ensure all private property managers are aware of this method of gaining access and inform owners/visitors
- Body corporates should erect signage to warn people to wait till the gate closes before leaving the gate area.

While all UIP security officers have been instructed to check for obstructions that might have been placed over the beams whilst on patrol, if drivers do not wait for the gate to close more vehicles will be stolen and other crimes will be committed on private property.



These two photos how difficult it is to see that the beam has been blocked. The photos was taken during the day, so at night it will be virtually impossible to see that the beam is blocked.

Note On The uMhlanga UIP

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 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 two Associate Managed Areas namely the Southern Promenade Properties (SPP) – established 2004 and the Northern Promenade Properties (NPP) – established 2010. These 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.

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