

Dickie Fritz

Road Closure Association

Dickie Fritz 100-139, Flame Crescent, Holly Close, Cherry Close, Keurboom Crescent

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Dear Residents

As most of you are aware, there was a home invasion in our area, on the evening of Friday 15 May, in Cherry Close. The 24/7 report is attached.

As detailed in the report, the beams along the palisade in Flame Crescent were working, and triggered when the perpetrators entered the area. They had cut the palisade and repositioned it in such a way that it was not visible to anyone driving by. The patrol vehicle responded immediately but a recording from a neighbour's camera shows that the perpetrators hid in the bushes and the area surrounding the home they invaded. These beams were triggered again when the perpetrators left the area, and the victim simultaneously pressed their panic button.

As a result of this incident, the committee are investigating further measures to make the area more secure. A resident suggested a full electric fence, as in other areas. The problem with this is that an individual (not the association) has to sign for and take legal responsibility for any harm/damages that may come to any person, child or animal that may touch and be shocked by the fence.

We are looking at live off-site CCTV monitoring and will revert with our findings. Any suggestions from residents are welcome.

Once again, we need to emphasize the importance of securing your own property.

The general security in the area is a deterrent, but not a guarantee that criminals will be kept out. In this current COVID pandemic where many people are losing their jobs and income, the risk of crime will become greater.

Recommended Security for your Property

Alarm

Wall/fence around your property

Electric fence

Beams in your garden and on your roof

Burglar bars on windows

Security doors on doors

Recommended Security Measures to be Taken

Test your alarm/panic buttons regularly

Arm your beams and lock doors after sundown

Do not park cars outside your property (especially at night)

Keep your pavement tidy and avoid having unlit areas where people can hide

Be observant as you drive in the neighbourhood

Get to know your neighbours

Call the patrol vehicle if you are uncertain of anything

- barking dogs, strange vehicles, unusual sounds etc

- that is what they are there for! (084 328 9873)

This incident has shocked and scared all of us, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the resident whose home was invaded. Please be vigilant and safe at all times neighbours.