

## **'Heavy Yoke': Policing commercial burglary in Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa**

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### **Abstract**

Business owners within the Bronkhorstspuit commercial establishment have been experiencing burglaries, which do not only affect the businesses but business employees and community members as well. For this reason, it was crucial to evaluate strategies and, a quantitative approach following a convenience sampling was adopted and a cross-sectional design was employed. The data-gathering instrument was a paper-based, self-administered structured questionnaire, which included a standardised measuring instrument using a five-point Likert scale. A sample of 206 comprised of 35 business respondents, 72 business employees and 99 community members. The findings of the survey revealed that the majority of respondents were of the view that faster police response times and tougher sentences as the best strategies to reduce crime. It was also shown in the results that the relationship between role players in community policing forum (CPF) is very low, which only serves to exacerbate crime challenges in the area.

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