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### Criminal Behaviour

More than 15 000 house robberies were committed last year and official statistics indicate that they have risen by 13.5% in the last year!

Many of you will no doubt be aware of the published results of a recent survey on the profiles of convicted housebreakers, by Dr. Rudolph Zinn of Unisa.

Some of the salient facts gleaned after interviewing 30 imprisoned house breakers are:-

- 30% of them had murdered while committing house robbery
- On average they commit over 100 crimes over up to a seven year period before they are apprehended
- 17% are foreigners
- They tend to target affluent home owners whose wealth is evident - i.e. jewelry, big houses, expensive vehicles, etc.
- Their modus operandi revolves around gathering intelligence about their targeted victims - usually from a **domestic worker!**
- "If they don't have inside information, they will keep the house under observation for a long time. They might send an accomplice into the house to check it out" (inspect TV licences, etc.)
- Often they will hide in the garden for a while
- Part of their reconnaissance even includes establishing which security firms operate in the area, how often they patrol, and their response times to call outs
- "They strike when their victims are awake, at night, or in the morning and use the noise of the TV, or cooking, as cover. At this time most people haven't armed their alarms"
- Usually four gang members access a residence - one gains access (through a small window?). The tools used to gain entry are often acquired from the residence, as they know the police will arrest them if they are found to be carrying suspicious tools on their person.



### Conclusion:

As we have been saying all along **"INFORMATION IS POWER!"**

The criminals rely on intelligence/information to be effective in their chosen occupation. Shouldn't the general public also pay more attention to the same aspect of the criminal industry?

**In other words, polygraph potential domestic staff before allowing them access to the premises and make sure you check references, and file ID numbers, addresses, etc.**

Call us for further advice. It won't cost you a cent!

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 different circumstances'**