

Suspects caught due to neighbour's surveillance camera

Surveillance footage linked two men to a burglary at a house in Fresnaye, where tools worth R23 000 were stolen.

Sea Point police pulled over a red bakkie in Kloof Road that matched the description of the reported getaway vehicle.

The incident occurred on Monday September 29, and the arrests were made two days later.

According to Inspector Bheki Xulu of Sea Point police, surveillance cameras at a neighbour's house captured the red bakkie and the incident as it occurred.

He said: "The shoe prints of a passenger match precisely the shoe prints found at the scene of the crime. The residents who saw the bakkie also positively identified the bakkie and suspects were arrested."

The stolen items have not yet been recovered.

In separate incidents of crime reported at Sea Point police:

- A 24-year-old man appeared last week in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and a tik lolly. A Claremont man, whose name is known to the Atlantic Sun, was arrested on Beach Road, Sea Point, on Monday October 13, when two

constables pulled over a metallic green Renault. It was then discovered that the vehicle had been reported as stolen and a tik lolly was found in the car.

- Four men were arrested in Western Boulevard Road for attempting to steal a vehicle in Sea Point, Main Road, outside Adelphi Centre on Wednesday October 15. After receiving information from the community, an inspector spot-

ted a black Renault and arrested the men.

- Two men were arrested after tip-offs from the community for breaking into a fishery in Sea Point and making off with power tools and cooldrinks. Jerome Jordan, 28, was arrested. He sold the items to Cash Crusaders but the goods were recovered. A woman was also arrested for using her identity document to sell the goods.

DPVWatch members are taking back control of their streets

Devil's Peak Vredehoek Neighbourhood Watch (DPVWatch) has called for more hands, eyes and ears in the community to join them.

But even before the first public meeting on September 2, the partnership between the Cape Town Central police and the DPVWatch had been growing.

And the teamwork was evident when the DPVWatch members assisted the police with searching for and arresting a suspected burglar on Friday October 17.

According to chairperson, Nicola Jowell, DPVWatch has been going from "strength to strength".

"We have been overwhelmed by the level of support that we have received from the community. It is clear that people have had enough and want to take back control of our streets. This was evident on Fri-

day by the support from the community at large who no longer wish to be victims of crime."

After a house break-in in Devil's Peak, the police patrolled the area and the description of the suspect was announced on the radio network.

Ms Jowell said: "The use of radios by neighbourhood watch members is a tool that has been very successfully implemented by many other neighbourhood watches – as is evident by successes in Tamboerskloof and Hout Bay."

She added: "The radio network is the glue that binds us together – it allows for instant communication between members and also with SAPS. We were given the details by SAPS and within minutes were able to mobilise members to create a cordon around the site."

According to Ms Jowell, the community need to get involved.

"While there is no doubt that government has a considerable role to play in the fight against crime, the reality is there are just not enough resources and finances to go around.

This is why members of the community have got together to try to play their part."

Cape Town Central police area commander, Captain Jogie Jansen, and the Tamboerskloof Neighbourhood Watch has assisted in setting up DPVWatch.

Volunteers are needed and can be involved in their own capacity, not necessarily going on evening walks.

Ms Jowell said: "We are

asking everybody in Devil's Peak and Vredehoek to lend their support to DPVWatch by signing up as a member. Each person can help in their own way – by meeting others from the community, walking the streets or simply being alert while

at home and reporting any concerns to the SAPS. We can have a very real impact on our area but need the community's support."

To join, or for more information, email contact@dvwatch.co.za or visit www.dpvwatch.co.za