



**PARKMORE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
PO Box 650508,  
Benmore,  
2010**

**Re: 9<sup>th</sup> Street Shooting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Dear Neighbour,

Between 1 and 2 pm on Thursday afternoon a resident in 9th Street returned from an outing and drove his vehicle into the garage. An armed suspect dressed in a blue overall top appeared outside the garage demanding that the resident lie on the floor of the garage. The resident began attracting attention by protesting loudly as the criminal removed his watch. The criminal struck the resident on the side of the face in an attempt to silence him. He then proceeded to the garage door and began closing it. After being struck through the face the resident did not want to be closed inside the garage alone with the perpetrator so he ran at him and pushed him into the driveway. The criminal then fired two shots at the resident and one of the bullets entered and exited the front of his chest. The criminal then ran up 9<sup>th</sup> Street, jumped into a white bakkie and drove off. We have no details of the vehicle except that it is a white bakkie and headed towards Sandton.

The panic button was pressed, Protea Coin responded within a minute and gave pursuit in the direction they fled.

The resident was back at home on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> and will make a full recovery. Nothing was taken except for a cell phone.

Every situation is different and every person reacts differently when protecting himself or his family against a threat like this. We should never and will never judge how one reacts in a high pressure situation like this. It is an incident like this that highlights the importance of following a few golden rules when it comes to an armed robbery:

- Avoid direct eye to eye contact with the hijacker;
- Tell them you're going to do as they say;
- If they demand your wallet or cellular phone, don't object, give it to them;
- Keep your head facing down at all times through the ordeal;
- Do not try and overpower the individual, adrenalin is racing through his body and he has the advantage of a goal in mind.

Keep Safe,  
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