

Vigilant UIP officers commended

Two Florida Road security staff have been rewarded for apprehending suspects in the road.

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Derrick Cele and Khayelihle Maphumulo were rewarded for their good work.

FLORIDA Road UIP security officers continue to make their presence felt on Florida Road.

Last week, UIP security officer Khayelihle Maphumulo and sidewalk monitor Derrick Cele were rewarded for their vigilance after arrested to suspects in separate incidents last week.

While on patrol at the top of Florida Road on 23 May, Maphumulo heard an alarm activated at the electrical substation on Musgrave Road. Upon further investigation, an individual was seen exiting the property. Both Maphumulo and Cele approached the individual who attempted to run, but was apprehended.

The Electrical Department, Fire Service and SAPS were contacted and upon investigation, it was found that the individual was attempting to steal metal for scrap. A case of theft has been opened.

In a separate incident on 23 May at 4pm, UIP staff heard a women screaming near the Argyle Road traffic lights.

“Upon questioning witnesses, it was noted that an intoxicated male had attempted to rob the young lady of her travel bag. A description of the suspect and the direction of his escape was noted and after patrolling the area, UIP security saw an individual fitting the description walking down Clarence Road following a young lady with what looked like an intention to rob her,” said Jarrod Evans, precinct manager.

Upon noticing UIP staff, the suspect ran towards Greyville Racecourse. At this point, Maphumulo gave chase and arrested the suspect.

“Upon returning to the scene, the victim was unfortunately unable to open a case as she was running late for a flight, but while waiting for SAPS, the suspect produced a number of slopes of dagga and SAPS proceeded to arrest the man for possession,” said Evans.

On the morning of 24 May at 9am, Cele witnessed a suspect snatch a cellphone from a woman as she walked to her car near the top of Florida Road.

Evans said Cele gave chase while radioing UIP security officer Maphumulo. The suspect ran towards Musgrave Road and turn down Montpelier where he was caught by the two security officers. The victim's phone was returned and a case of common robbery has been opened.

“A big thank you to UIP security officer Maphumulo and sidewalk monitor Cele who are making it harder for criminals to operate in Florida Road,” said Evans.