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NCOP PROVINCIAL WEEK: NORTHERN CAPE
PABALELLO POLICE STATION CRIME STATISTICS

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1. INTRODUCTION

The proposed provincial focus area for the Northern Cape province during the upcoming 2022 Provincial week of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) is the provision of safe drinking water and assist communities that are affected by drought, including visiting water provision projects, dams, water reticulation sites and provincial storage weirs, and as well as crime and drivers for crime. As part of the oversight programme, the delegation will visit the Pabalello Police Station.

This paper provides an overview of the crime statistics recorded at the Pabalello Police Station during the third quarter of 2021/22, covering October to December 2021.

2. PABALELLO POLICE STATION: CRIME STATISTICS: THIRD QUARTER 2021/22

The overall crime recorded at the Pabalello Police Station increased by 29.2% in the third quarter of 2021/22 compared to the third quarter of 2020/21. In terms of the main crime categories, the following can be noted:

- Contact crimes: Increased by 28.8%
- Sexual offences: Increased by 80%
- Contact related crimes: Increased by 11.5%
- Property-related crimes: Increased by 84.8%
- Other serious crimes: Decreased by 31.8%

All subcategories of contact crimes increased, except common robbery, which remained unchanged in the third quarter of 2021/22 compared to that of the previous financial year. Murder and attempted murder increased by 100% and 140%, respectively. Robbery with aggravating circumstances increased by 350%. In the third quarter of 2021/22, nine cases of robbery with aggravating circumstances were recorded at the Pabalello Police Station, which is seven cases more than the third quarter of the previous financial year.

Of concern is the sharp increase of 80% in sexual offences. Within this category, rape increased by 150%. During the third quarter of 2021/22, five rape cases were recorded at the Pabalello Police Station, which is three cases more than the third quarter of the previous financial year.

During the third quarter of 2021/22, property-related crimes increased by 84.8%. The increase is largely due to a significant increase in burglary at non-residential (+200%) and residential premises (+85%)



Crime Statistics: Pebalello Police Station for the third quarter of 2021/22: Oct to Dec 2021

CRIME CATEGORY	Q3 2017/18	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Q3 2020/21	Q3 2021/22	Count Diff 2020/21 vs 2021/22	% Change 2020/21 vs 2021/22
CONTACT CRIMES (CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON)							
Murder	3	2	3	1	2	1	100,0%
Sexual Offences	2	9	6	5	9	4	80,0%
Attempted murder	2	11	10	5	12	7	140,0%
Assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	29	38	51	43	46	3	7,0%
Common assault	14	12	30	21	22	1	4,8%
Common robbery	4	2	3	3	3	0	0,0%
Robbery with aggravating circumstances	4	6	7	2	9	7	350,0%
Total Contact Crimes (Crimes Against The Person)	58	80	110	80	103	23	28,8%
Total Sexual Offences							
Rape	1	7	3	2	5	3	150,0%
Sexual Assault	0	2	3	2	3	1	50,0%
Attempted sexual offences	1	0	0	1	0	-1	-100,0%
Contact sexual offences	0	0	0	0	1	1	1 Count Higher
Total Sexual Offences	2	9	6	5	9	4	80,0%
SOME SUBCATEGORIES OF AGGRAVATED ROBBERY							
Carjacking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
Robbery at residential premises	0	0	0	0	3	3	3 Counts Higher
Robbery at non- residential premises	0	0	3	1	2	1	100,0%
Bank Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
Robbery of cash in transit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
Truck hijacking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
CONTACT-RELATED CRIMES							
Arson	2	3	1	3	1	-2	-66,7%
Malicious damage to property	8	13	19	23	28	5	21,7%



CRIME CATEGORY	Q3 2017/18	Q3 2018/19	Q3 2019/20	Q3 2020/21	Q3 2021/22	Count Diff 2020/21 vs 2021/22	% Change 2020/21 vs 2021/22
Total Contact-Related Crimes	10	16	20	26	29	3	11,5%
PROPERTY-RELATED CRIMES							
Burglary at non-residential premises	6	12	9	3	9	6	200,0%
Burglary at residential premises	29	15	30	20	37	17	85,0%
Theft of motor vehicle and motorcycle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
Theft out of or from motor vehicle	8	4	4	10	14	4	40,0%
Stock-theft	0	0	0	0	1	1	1 Count Higher
Total Property-Related Crimes	44	31	43	33	61	28	84,8%
OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES							
All theft not mentioned elsewhere	22	25	20	21	14	-7	-33,3%
Commercial crime	1	0	1	1	1	0	0,0%
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
Total Other Serious Crimes	23	25	21	22	15	-7	-31,8%
Total 17 Community Reported Serious Crimes	135	152	194	161	208	47	29,2%
CRIME DETECTED AS A RESULT OF POLICE ACTION							
Illegal possession of firearms and ammunition	0	0	0	0	1	1	1 Count Higher
Drug-related crime	42	29	25	30	8	-22	-73,3%
Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs	1	1	1	2	0	-2	-100,0%
Sexual offences detected as a result of police action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 Count
Total Crime Detected As A Result Of Police Action	43	30	26	32	9	-23	-71,9%

Crime detected as a result of police action is the only crime category in which an increase is viewed as positive and a decrease as negative. An increase indicates that police action led to arrests during police operations. These categories are indicators of the effectiveness of police activities and an increase indicates intensified police activity, rather than increased crime activity.



The significant decrease of 71.9% in total crime detected as a result of police action during the third quarter of 2021/22 at the Pabelello Police Station should be of significant concern.

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