



Dear Residents,

Update on investigations regarding social media videos

Further to our message of yesterday, we would like to provide you with an update on the investigations:

The posts appeared late Sunday evening, and the HOA took immediate action, by downloading copies of the media posts whilst they were publicly available. On Monday morning the HOA

- informed residents that the HOA was taking urgent and appropriate action,
- met with the Estate security management,
- reviewed available evidence,
- corresponded with the witnesses and one of the families concerned,
- reported the matter to SAPS before 10am, who arrived within half an hour of being requested to do so,
- discussed amongst the trustees a number of potential breaches of the estate rules.

Today the HOA managed to

- identify all of the teenagers via various sources and video footage; two are PV residents, one is from VdV and two were guests, and
- have a further meeting with one of the families concerned, who willingly provided further information and context regarding the activities.

In this regard we wish to also provide you with further information, as follows:

- The two videos posted over the weekend relate to events on Tuesday 7th Jan. There was another alleged trespassing and damage to property event over the weekend, but we have established via video evidence that the possible perpetrators are not the same people, and this is still a live investigation.

- Relating to the videos of activities on 7 Jan, four properties are relevant, based on information willingly supplied:

- Property one where “guns” are evident in the video. The guns are confirmed fake firearms (Airsoft models - Ivan van Niekerk and Marius Herselman, the Estate Security Manager, inspected them today and confirm they are fake), were apparently stored on the property and reportedly never leave the property, and the property is owned by one of the parents of the teenagers. The relevant family is adamant that the teenager(s) never take the Airsoft models out of the premises (apart from when they are used for competitions, which they have not participated in since mid last year),

- Property two, on Pearl Valley, where attempted access was evident (and where a witness reported potential trespassing). The property is owned by a friend of the parents of

one of the teenagers, the vehicle is owned by the parents of that teenager, and they normally have access via keys and a garage remote. The absent owner reported to security when he was notified about potential access by the witness but declined to press charges when the teenager's identity was made known, as he normally gives them access.

- Property three, on VdV, where the Lamborghini was filmed. Access was requested by the teenagers and granted from the housekeeper and reconfirmed by the mother of the vehicle owner at the time, and thus access was willingly given.
- Property four, on VdV, where access was requested by the teenagers, but declined, whereupon they left.

To note:

- Regarding potential unlawful activity, SAPS was provided with the relevant information and at this stage has not proceeded with further action,
- Regarding various estate rule transgressions, the trustees will discuss appropriate fines during the course of today,
- should new evidence come to light the HOA will take further appropriate action.

We urge you to direct any new information or evidence, or any questions or comments, to the HOA, as we do not use privately managed social media platforms for communications. We also urge you to first seek facts prior to making unsubstantiated allegations on these media platforms. As it is, the weekend videos brought the estates into disrepute, and more posts responding to them on social media only serve to further damage the reputation of these two prime estates.

We again wish to assure you that the HOA views delinquent behaviour in an extremely serious light, and each and every event will be properly investigated. However, the HOA will always follow due process to establish the facts, and will not compromise or rush investigations at the urging of social media prompts.

Kind regards

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