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Dear Community Partners,

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY – SNATCH THEFT / ROBBERY

There have been a number of robberies committed recently against taxi drivers in the first two months of 2008. Generally, these cases can be classified under three distinctive categories of modus operandi employed by the perpetrators.

2 Method 1: Culprit(s) would pose as passengers and direct the victims to a certain location. Upon reaching the destination, the culprit(s) will rob the drivers of their valuables and attempt to flee with their cash and handphones. The culprit(s) usually conceal a knife in a plastic bag or newspaper.

3 Method 2: Culprit(s) would target victims who are on their way home after their shift. Culprit(s) would rush into the lift and rob them, or snatch away their valuables at the void decks.

4 Method 3: Culprit(s) would target victims while they are resting in their vehicles. The culprit(s) would open the door and rob them of their valuables.

5 Police have identified several of these cases as possibly being committed by the same perpetrators. A summary of the details is as follows:

Series Case 1	Series Case 2
Four cases reported since Jan 08	Two cases reported since late Feb 08
Involving group of 2-4 males and females believed to be of Indian origin.	Involving group of 1-3 male(s) believed to be of Chinese or Malay origin.
Committing offence between 4.30pm to 1.00am	Committing offence between 12.25am to 12.40am
Board taxi from various locations such as Carpenter St, Tanjong Pagar and Lower Delta Road.	Board taxi from locations such as Jln Jurong Kechil and Jurong East St 13.
Robbed victims after alighting at Jelebu Road and on three occasions, robbed victims at Jalan Bukit Merah.	Robbed victims after alighting at Cheng Soon Garden.
Culprits believed to be armed with a knife	Culprits believed to be armed with a knife

CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

6 While the Police are closely monitoring the situation, it is important that the taxi drivers remain alert to prevent themselves from becoming the next victim. As such, please disseminate this advisory to your drivers and remind them to be vigilant and take the following crime preventive measures:

- Be wary of passengers who board taxis from the aforesaid locations;
- Be cautious of passengers who are going to a secluded place;
- Avoid exposing expensive jewellery / watches / handphones; and
- Keep only sufficient amount of cash as change.

7 If taxi drivers are confronted by a robber(s), they should:

- Remain calm;
- Do not put up any resistance. Pay attention to the suspect(s)' physical appearance and distinctive features;
- Activate the distress alarm, where possible;
- Note the suspect(s)' mode of escape and take down the vehicle registration number if he/they had escaped in a vehicle;
- Call the Police as soon as it is safe to do so;
- To facilitate Police investigations, do not touch anything at the scene / in the vehicle;
- Where possible, provide Police with details such as your handphone IMEI number. You can take note of your handphone IMEI number by pressing "*#06#" on your handphone key pad.

8 Please do not hesitate to contact Bukit Merah East NPC at **1800-2369999** or the police hotline at **999**, if you have any crime information or require any police assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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