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Vorna Valley Residents Association

Newsletter



June 2020

VVRA Committee

Marianne Nel - Chairperson
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Facebook Twitter Email Website

Whatsapp your details and email address to 082-460-8662 to join the VVRA council issues

Contact details for Sector 2:
Sector Commander - Sergeant Benji 079 877 6504 (Office Hours)
Sector 2 Vehicle 071 675 6110 (24/7)
Areas: Vorna Valley, Waterfall Park, Carlswald, Halfway Gardens, Kyalami Hills.



Icicles on the guardrails on the Harry Galaun Bridge

VICTIM EMPOWERMENT
076 445 2451

The Victim Empowerment Centre comprises of volunteer counsellors who assist victims with debriefing and trauma counselling. If you need counselling after a traumatic violent crime, please contact the VEC on 076 445 2451 to set up an appointment. All counselling is confidential and no charge!

Swiss Country Club JOHANNESBURG

We would like to let residents know that the **The Courier Restaurant** at the Swiss Country Club on Moerdyk Street is not just for members. Anyone can go there for a good meal. They support the VVRA and it would be wonderful if residents supported them.

Email: courier@hot.co.za
 Cell: 082 561 0063 (Wolfgang)

HEAVEN'S KITCHEN
FOOD SO GOOD... IT'S TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL

NETCARE 911
24HR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Dear Vorna Valley Residents

Winter has settled in and COVID-19 is peaking in Gauteng. There are several cases in our neighbourhood and surrounding suburbs as people start to get relaxed with the virus and do things that they ought not to do.

Please keep your distance, wear your mask, wash your hands as often as possible and DO NOT break the COVID-19 rules that government has set for us for good reason.

Joburg Health Covid-19 testing sites

Region A

| Sites | Address | Contact Number |
|------------------|--|----------------|
| Halfway House | Erf 18 & 19, Market Street & Moritz, Halfway House | 011 805 3112 |
| Diepsloot Clinic | Erf 5355, J B Marks Drive, Diepsloot Ext 7 | 011 464 5396 |
| Bophelong Clinic | Erf 3700, Freedom Drive, Ivory Park, Ext 6 | 011 261 1212 |

Stay home and self-isolate.

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Harcourts

Here we are.
 With you all the way.

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Pikitup

Pikitup has new teams on their trucks and they are trying very hard to do their job properly, so if you bin lands up at the neighbour or further down the road, please be patient as they are still in the learning curve.

If you have bulky waste like old beds, cupboards etc, that are too large to place in your waste bin, please send an email to: midrand_bulkserv@pikitup.co.za with a detailed list of what you need collected. Pikitup do bulk waste collections once a month.



J Water

Winter brings with it many burst water pipes and sewerage blockages. Please report these as soon as possible to: customer@jwater.co.za to get a ref. no. and send that ref. no. to Marianne 082 460 8662 on whatsapp or email: info@vvra.co.za, so that it can be escalated.

It is up to the residents to report such issues, as JWater would not know about them unless they are reported.

The VVRA had a meeting with JWater and the owner of Middy's Mall to look into the issue of constant water running from the Mall into le Roux, causing damage to the road and the loss of precious water.

The storm water drain on the pavement by Middy's Mall is blocked, causing the water to run into the road. JRA was then phoned and JRA promised to send out a team to unblock this drain. The owner of the Mall would look into where this water was coming from to stop this water loss.

WHAT DO YOU FLUSH DOWN YOUR TOILET??

Please DO NOT flush the following down your toilet or drain



Old rags, towels, face cloths



Nappies



Ear buds



Wet Wipes



Masks and gloves



Hair



Dental floss



Sanitary towels



Tampons



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WHAT IS YOUR HOME WORTH ?

PLATINUM residential

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City Parks

The VVRA requested that fire breaks be cut in the Vlei and that the reeds be cut as well as we have had fires in the Vlei already. City Parks came and worked in parts of the Vlei and the VVRA has followed up as to when the rest will be attended to.



JMPD

Sadly we have informal traders popping up all over Vorna Valley, some in dangerous and illegally spots. Illegally parked truck on Shamroc has been there for a very long time and we have once again asked JMPD to have the owner remove it.



We have also asked JMPD not to allow the handing out of food in our residential area. The number of vagrants and job seekers has increased due to this.



JRA

JRA finally started fixing our potholes. They were unable to fix the major pothole on le Roux by the Vlei as water was continuously leaking from Middy's Mall into this pothole. A trench was dug to divert the water away from the pothole so that it can dry and be repaired.

If you see potholes, please report them as soon as possible.



City Power

We still have many open or broken power boxes and mini substations all over Vorna Valley.

Sadly power boxes are still being opened forcefully by contractors and many of them are so damaged, they can not close anymore.



VVRA LPR Camera Project

We would like to thank the complexes that are already contributing towards the running costs of the LPR cameras and Hawkeye Security who also contributes towards them.

If there is a resident or company that would also like to sponsor the monthly running cost, every cent helps, please contact info@vvra.co.za or on whatsapp on 082 460 8662 (Marianne).



Vorna Valley Specialist

Rickus Bouwer

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www.firzt.co.za





For all your security related services, you most welcome to contact us on **083 796 4303**

Services offered

GUARDING (RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, SPECIAL EVENTS.)
BODY GUARDS, VIP & COVERT ESCORTS (HVG), SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATIONS
MONITORING, RMED RESPONSE
CCTVS, ALARM (RESIDENTIAL, COMEMERCIAL & BIOMETRIC INSTALLATIONS)
ACCESS CONTROL (GATE MOTORS, ELECTRIC FENCING, INTERCOM SYSTEMS, ETC)
SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENTS

ANONYMOUS REPORTING NUMBER: 082 998 4303

We also encourage the community to report any suspicious persons or vehicles that they suspect to be involved in criminal activity such as (Drugs related, Stolen Vehicles and/or property) which will be followed up by us together with the relevant authorities



Offsite Monitoring

Security officers cannot be everywhere all the time, therefore it is important for technology to be implemented to ensure that there are more eyes and ears on your premises. Often officers cannot patrol sites due to the layout and infrastructure.

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mariska@tacticalguarding.co.za



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This warm family home is situated at the heart of Vorna Valley, with close proximity to all local amenities, schools, and major travel routes for commuting professionals.

Features Include:

- 3 warm north-facing bedrooms with carpeted flooring. Spacious main en-suite with walk through closet area as well as access to a spacious front garden.
- 2 modern bathrooms with beautiful finishes. Master en-suite with shower and Jacuzzi bath and a shared bathroom with double vanity and large shower.
- Spacious neat beechwood kitchen well complimented by...



WEB REF **RL1292**
<https://www.platinum.co.za>

| | | | |
|------------------------|------|---------------------|-----|
| Floor Size (m²) | 235 | Carports | - |
| Land Size (m²) | 1080 | Pool | Yes |
| Bedrooms | 3 | Granny Flat | 1 |
| Bathrooms | 2 | Study | - |
| Reception Rooms | 3 | Staff Accom. | - |
| Garages | 2 | Pets Allowed | Yes |



Shaun McLaren
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Reduce your garden waste removal rates.

Boombadotmobi is a small waste management business that cares about the environment and ensures that your waste is disposed responsibly (i.e. It doesn't end up in rivers or illegally dumped). We even send you pictures of the final destination of your waste.

We already have clients in your area that will make it affordable for you to share garden waste removal costs. We come once a month and the costs remains the same regardless of the size of your waste.

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For more info: 060 688 4004

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IMPORTANT - ELECTRIC FENCE OWNERS!

1) CRIMINALS ARE TESTING ELECTRIC FENCES TO CHECK:

- Are they on, with a decent voltage?
- Connected to an Armed Response company?
- Does the fence have an audible alarm?

2) DID YOU KNOW?

- If foliage is touching your fence it could decrease the voltage which could result in no alarm activation!

3) DID YOU KNOW?

- Criminals typically go under the fence by lifting the bottom wires - they can use twigs from trees.

4) DID YOU KNOW?

- If an electric fence does not have the correct amount of tension and is not maintained correctly, this could result in no alarm signal activation!

We are committed to your safety and we are now offering a FREE electric fence assessment. We will come to your property and check if your electric fence is working and is set up correctly - crime is increasing daily!

Contact our team for your FREE assessment!

086 111 4021

www.trss.co.za | salescoord@trss.co.za



Your safety is our number one priority!

Advertisement Pricing

Would you like to place an ad in our monthly Newsletter?

Half Page : R400/month

Full Page : R800/month

Please contact info@vvra.co.za

Small Ad : R50/month

Small Ad : R35/month

Quarter Page : R200/month.

Small Ad : R50/month

Small Ad : R85/month

Recycling

A reminder that recycling is compulsory. Phambili Services collect recycling in Vorna Valley on behalf of Pikitup, every Wednesday.

If you are not yet recycling with Phambili, please contact marianne@phambiliservices.co.za via email or via whatsapp on 082 460 8662 so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Phambili Services supply blue bags and collect weekly.

All recycling material goes into one bag. (Paper, Cardboard, Magazines & Newspapers, Plastics, Glass, Bottles, Milk and Juice Cartons, Cans, Jars.

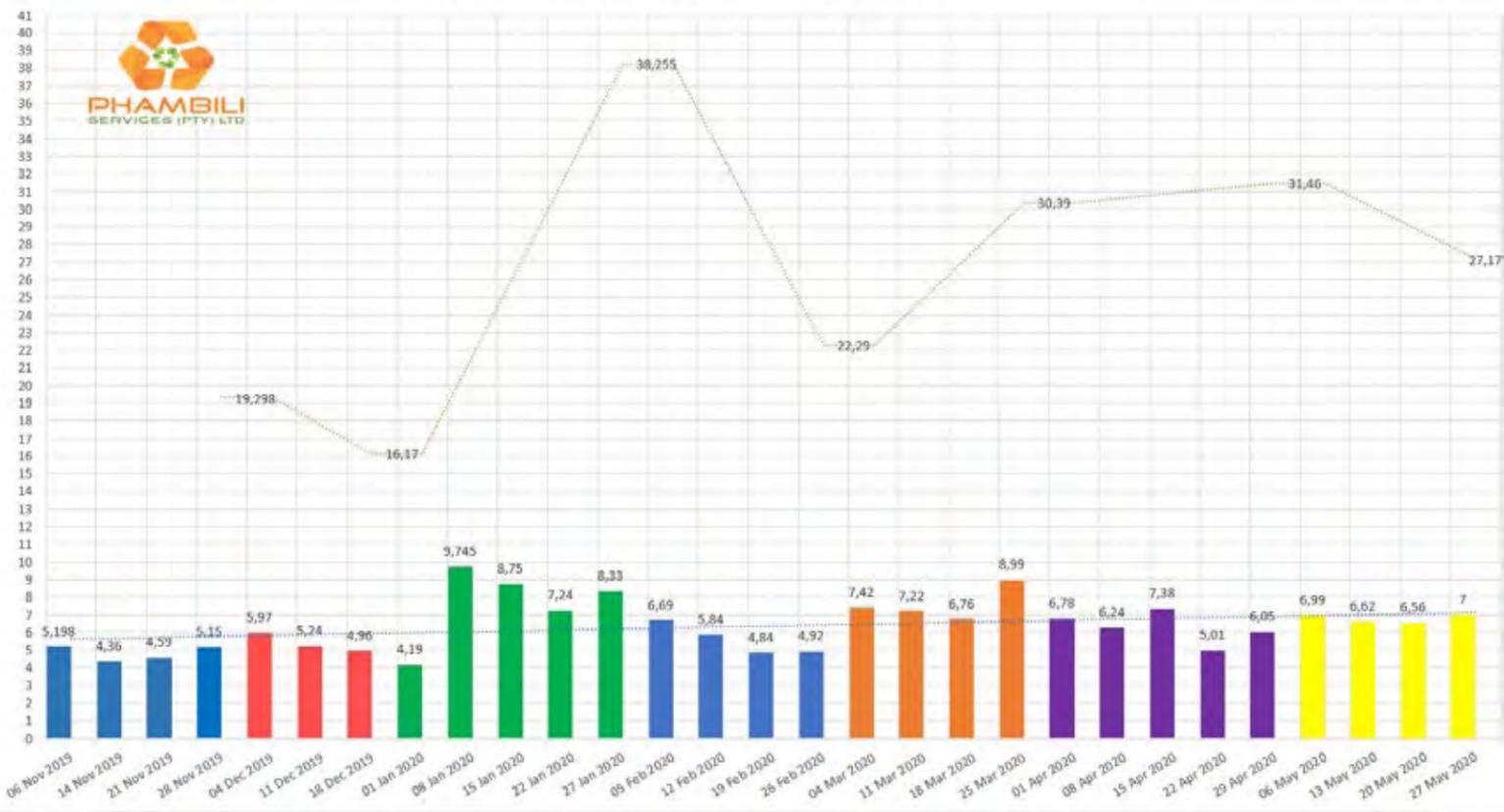
Phambili Services now also place informal reclaimers into complexes to do the recycling on their behalf. Phambili then buys back all the recycling they collect, taking them to the depot to weigh and pay.

This will hopefully take many of the informal reclaimers off the streets and afford them a monthly income.

If you would like your complex to join this project, please email your details to marianne@phambiliservices.co.za, so that Phambili can come and setup your complex with a picker to start your recycling.



Vorna Valley tonnage of Recycling with Phambili Services per week and month



Recyclables to be placed in plastic bags are:

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|-------|-----------|------------------------|----------|-------|---------|------------------------|------|------|
| Paper | Cardboard | Magazines & Newspapers | Plastics | Glass | Bottles | Milk and Juice Cartons | Cans | Jars |
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Please note that the Phambili blue recycling bags are only for recycling material and not graden waste of wet waste.



Invasive Plants, Trees, Birds

Syringa (Melia azedarach)



Melia azedarach, commonly known as the chinaberry tree, Pride of India, bead-tree, Cape lilac, syringa berrytree, Persian lilac, Indian lilac, or white cedar, is a species of deciduous tree in the mahogany family, Meliaceae, that is native to Indomalaya and Australasia.

This tree's fruit is Poisonous to humans. Once the fruit is ingested in quantity (so a few to many of this tree's berries) depending on its toxicity the person eating it may die after about 24 hours of ingesting the fruits.

"The flowers are followed by yellow clusters of fruit which are poisonous if eaten by humans and animals although many birds seem partial to them and are not affected. Its flowers are a respiratory irritant and its leaves, bark, flowers and sometimes fruit are poisonous."

From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melia_azedarach

Pyracantha angustifolia (Yellow fire-thorn, Geelbranddoring)

Pyracantha angustifolia is a species of shrub in the rose family known by the common names narrowleaf firethorn, slender firethorn and woolly firethorn. The flowers are white and produce small round pomes and can be orange to red in color.

These fruits are astringent and bitter, making them inedible for humans,



but they are a food source for birds. The leaves, fruit and seeds contain hydrogen cyanide, the source of the bitter taste. The stems and branches have sharp spines.



This shrub is cultivated and grown in yards and gardens as an ornamental plant. It can be used to make hedges for home security. This species is native to China but has been introduced to North America and Australia. It is an invasive species in Hawaii and in other areas.

Rose-ringed parakeets (Psittacula krameri)



Rose-ringed parakeets (*Psittacula krameri*) are the most invasive parrot species in the world and have already invaded 35 countries on five continents. In South Africa, the first sightings were noted in the 1970's with strongholds predominantly in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal.

Today populations are also known in Cape Town, and Steytleville in the Eastern Cape. Rose-ringed parakeets are a generalist species, which can thrive in a range of habitats and feed on a variety of food items.

They nest in cavities, and where food and nest sites are not limiting these birds have the capacity to reproduce successfully and rapidly.

From: http://academic.sun.ac.za/cib/news/2015/0127_public_surveys_contribute_to_research.htm and <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?search=Psittacula+krameri+%amp;title=Special:Search&go=Go&ns0=1&ns6=1&ns12=1&ns14=1&ns100=1&ns106=1>

Category 1a (PROHIBITED) : Listed Invasive Species

A person in control of a Category 1a Listed Invasive Species must comply with the provisions of section 73(2) of the Act; immediately take steps to combat or eradicate listed invasive species in compliance with sections 75(1), (2) and (3) of the Act; and allow an authorised official from the Department to enter onto land to monitor, assist with or implement the combatting or eradication of the listed invasive species.

Category 1b (PROHIBITED / Exempted if in Possession or Under control) : Listed Invasive Species

A person in control of a Category 1 b Listed Invasive Species must control the listed invasive species in compliance with sections 75(1), (2) and (3) of the Act. A person contemplated in sub-regulation (2) must allow an authorised official from the Department to enter onto the land to monitor, assist with or implement the control of the listed invasive species, or compliance with the Invasive Species Management Programme contemplated in section 75(4) of the Act.

Category 2 (PERMIT REQUIRED): Listed Invasive Species

Category 2 Listed Invasive Species are those species listed by notice in terms of section 70(1)(a) of the Act as species which require a permit to carry out a restricted activity within an area specified in the Notice or an area specified in the permit, as the case may be. A landowner on whose land a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species occurs or person in possession of a permit, must ensure that the specimens of the species do not spread outside of the land or the area specified in the Notice or permit. Unless otherwise specified in the Notice, any species listed as a Category 2 Listed Invasive Species that occurs outside the specified area contemplated in sub-regulation (1), must, for purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1 b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed according to Regulation 3. Notwithstanding the specific exemptions relating to existing plantations in respect of Listed Invasive Plant Species published in Government Gazette No. 37886, Notice 599 of 1 August 2014 (as amended), any person or organ of state must ensure that the specimens of such Listed Invasive Plant Species do not spread outside of the land over which they have control.

Category 3 (PROHIBITED): Listed Invasive Species

Category 3 Listed Invasive Species are species that are listed by notice in terms of section 70(1)(a) of the Act, as species which are subject to exemptions in terms of section 71(3) and prohibitions in terms of section 71A of the Act, as specified in the Notice. Any plant species identified as a Category 3 Listed Invasive Species that occurs in riparian areas, must, for the purposes of these regulations, be considered to be a Category 1b Listed Invasive Species and must be managed according to regulation 3.

Where to log calls

| | | |
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| All road and storm related emergencies standby team 060 960 0764 (Midrand, Ivory Park, Diepsloot, Fourways, Woodmead) | | |
| Level 1 water restrictions will be enforced by fines to consumers who contravened the Water Services By-law and consumers are urged to report non-compliance by phoning the JMPD 24/7 hotline on 011 758 9650 | For billing assistance kindly contact: 011 358 3614\011 358 3562 | |
| Johannesburg Water | | |
| 011-375-5555 or 011-688-1400 customer@jwater.co.za | Water Burst | 48 Hours |
| SMS 076-333-5052 | No Water | 1 day |
| Anonymous tip-offs 0800-00-25-87 anticorruption@tip-offs.com | Sewer | 24 Hours |
| Midrand Depot 621 6th Road Erand: 011-205-9500 | Meter Leak | 7 Working days |
| | Fire Hydrant Leak | 2 days |
| | Bees in meter box | 3 days |
| City Power | | |
| 011-375-5555 | No Power to area/property | 4 Hours |
| 086-056-2874 http://citypower.mobi | Illegal Connection | 24 Hours |
| https://za4.forcelink.net/forcelink/customportal/cp_mdt/customerportal.html | Dangerous Situation | Immediate |
| Report illegal connection 080 000 2587 anticorruption@tip-offs.com | Street Light not working | 2 working days |
| Cable Theft and illegal activities: 011 490 7553 or 0800 002 587 | Meter Conversions | 5 working days |
| Metering Queries Telephone :011 490 7484 SMS Line :44074 wmcqueries@citypower.co.za | Faulty Meter | 7 working days |
| Pre-paid Queries: Telephone: 011 490 7484 estimations@citypower.co.za | | |
| Johannesburg Road Agency | | |
| Joburg connect: 086-056-2874 011-298-5000 hotline@jra.org.za https://findandfix.jra.org.za:8443/ | Potholes | 3 working days |
| Depot: 011 256 8550 6 Dale Road, corner Glen Austin Road, Midrand | Manhole Cover missing | 3 days |
| Report faulty traffic lights on whatsapp to 082-827-8250 | Blocked kerb inlet | 3 days |
| | Road trenches | 3 days |
| | Road Collapse/Dangerous Situation | Immediate to make road safe |
| | Stop/traffic signs damaged/missing | 7 days |
| | Traffic Signals All Out | 24 Hours |
| | Traffic Signal Flashing | 24 Hours |
| Pikitup | | |
| Joburg connect 086-056-2874 011-375-5555 info@pikitup.co.za joburgconnect@joburg.org.za http://www.pikitup.co.za/customer-services/ | New/additional bin request | 7 days |
| Midrand Depot: 82 Lechwe Street, Corporate Park: 087-357-1378 | Animal Carcass removal | 24 hours |
| Bulky Waste Service 087-357-1378 | Cleaning of an Illegal Dumping site | 7 days |
| Garden Site: Falcon Street, Rabie Ridge | Street cleaning, Lane flushing, Area cleaning | |
| Garden Site: Cedar Road, Kyalami | Bulk Waste collections | |
| Garden site: Dale Road, Glen Austin | Full details and Reg no. of vehicle | Photo if possible |
| | Illegal Dumping | |
| | e.g. old mattresses, old furniture, fridges etc | free-once a month |
| | Paper, Glass, Used car oil, Scrap metal, EWaste, Tins & Cardboard | |
| | Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil | |
| | Paper, plastics, boxes, cans ,ewaste & used oil | |
| City Parks | | |
| Joburg connect 086-056-2874 or 011 375 5555 | Grass cutting in open spaces | Up to 30 days |
| City Parks and Zoo Switchboard: 011-712-6600 10177 | Grass cutting of parks | Dependent on status of park |
| jcp@jhbcityparks.com or joburgconnect@joburg.org.za | Grass cutting in cemeteries | 7 days |
| | Fallen Tree/branches | 24 hours |
| | Pruning of Tree | 30 days |
| Fire Department and Ambulance | | |
| Midrand Fire Department and Ambulance 011-375-5911 10177 | | |
| South African Police Service | | |
| Midrand Police Station: 011-347-1600 | c/o Smuts Drive & Oracle Street Halfway Gardens | |
| Sector 2 SAPS: 071-675-6110 | | |
| Relief Commanders: 071-675-6114 | | |
| Police Emergency - 10111 gps.midrand.sc.@saps.gov.za | | |
| Crime Stop Tip-Off 08600 10111 | | |
| Hawks Anti-Corruption Desk: 012 846 4590 CorruptionReports@saps.gov.za | | |
| Johannesburg Metro Police Department | | |
| 011 375 5918 / 5911 | Traffic Violations | Dependent on incident and resources available |
| JMPD 24 - hour Traffic Hotline 080-872-3342 | Noise | |
| Illegal dumping: 082-779-1361 (Whatsapp) | Dumping | |
| | Motor Vehicle Accident | |
| | Vagrants | |