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CRIMINALS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOCKDOWN PERIOD

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When the general public adhere to lockdown guidelines set by the Declaration of COVID-19 Statement of Emergency Notice, 2020 by staying at home and minimising movement, some people take advantage of carrying out criminal activities.

The Lesotho Mounted Police Services (LMPS) have recorded 16 cases of stock theft countrywide, where such cases include amongst others 359 stolen sheep and 25 stolen cattle.

The police have disclosed that most of the stolen animals which were taken at gun point were taken to South Africa. However, 150 sheep were recovered.

In two different incidents at Puma Filling Station and Mmelesi Offsales both at Borokhoaneng armed robbery took place, where cigarettes, Red Bull drink and M6000.00 were stolen.

No one was harmed at Puma Filling Station, while a security officer was shot at Mmelesi Offsales by assailant.

Meanwhile, people still continue to disregard lockdown guidelines by drinking and moving at night aimlessly.

The Declaration of COVID-19 Statement of Emergency Notice, 2020 stipulates that all persons shall not be allowed to leave their places of residence, except in extreme circumstances specified in the Public Health COVID-19 Regulations, 2020.

It further states that the Lesotho Defence Force and the Lesotho Mounted Police Service shall operationalise all the measures upon the commencement of the Declaration.

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