



# CRIMEWATCH APRIL 2025 EDITION

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April was anything but quiet. Beneath the surface of everyday life, danger festered—creeping into city gates, backroads, quiet bars, and unsuspecting homes. But while chaos loomed large, Blackshark stood larger. Our operatives delivered justice, guarded reputations, and raised the bar for bravery.

Let's pull back the curtain on the month's most jaw-dropping events—from Zimbabwe's blood-stained roads to our own victories on the ground.

#### NATIONAL CRIME ROUNDUP

When the law blinked, criminals moved. But justice never sleeps.



# BULAWAYO BLOODBATH: COP KILLED; ROBBERS FALL IN A HAIL OF BULLETS

It began like a bad dream—Sergeant Abel Masava gunned down in Sizinda, Bulawayo, responding to what seemed like a routine robbery. But this wasn't petty crime—this was war. The assassins? A ruthless trio linked to over 50 armed robberies, each more violent than the last. Their signature? Getaways in a Honda Fit and cold-blooded precision.

But the ZRP struck back. After a tense high-speed chase and firefight, two of the suspects were gunned down. Their weapons cache included the late officer's service pistol. Their spree? Over. Their legacy? Fear. Justice, however, had the final say.

#### **HOME INVASION IN HARARE: MASKS, GUNS & \$13,500 IN TERROR**

When businessman Costas Klostris heard his dogs barking that night, he didn't expect five masked men to burst in, guns cocked and intentions deadly. Tied up and pistol-whipped, he gave up US\$13,500, hidden in a fruit basket. The robbers fled, but so did their luck.

Sixty-five-year-old getaway driver Kenny Magena thought he could outrun the police on the Harare–Marondera Highway. He was wrong. One bullet to the leg later, he was in cuffs, and most of the loot was recovered. The rest of the gang? On borrowed time.

#### THE CAMOUFLAGE CREW: BAR RAIDERS BUSTED IN MUREWA

In Murewa's Nyamuzara Village, patrons enjoying a quiet night at the bar were blindsided by four robbers wearing army fatigues and fake police uniforms. Guns drawn, they beat, stole, and fled with US\$1,300 and seven phones. But this was no clean getaway.

Villagers gave chase. One suspect was captured at the scene. Police tracked the rest, uncovering loaded shot-guns, handcuffs, and military gear stashed in nearby bush. The gang was also tied to mine raids in Mhangura and Shamva, where gold was looted under similar theatrics.

#### CARJACKED & SHOT: BULAWAYO MAN LOSES HIS RIDE IN A FLASH

At 6:00 p.m., outside his own gate, a 41-year-old man in Bulawayo met two masked gunmen. A gunshot tore through his hand. His Mazda CX-5, US\$3,000, and dignity were stolen in under two minutes. His car? Later found abandoned and set ablaze. The message was clear: no place is truly safe. But neither are criminals.

#### KIDNAPPED, DRUGGED & LOCKED AWAY: HARARE WOMAN ESCAPES NIGHTMARE

What started as a simple mushikashika ride ended in horror. Drugged and abducted, a 30-year-old woman woke up in Mutorashanga, over 100km from home—trapped in a room, injected repeatedly, held hostage for four days. But her courage was greater than her fear. She found the door unlocked, slipped out into the night, and flagged down help. Police have launched a full-scale kidnapping probe. The shadows are darker than we thought.

### **BLACKSHARK SUCCESS STORIES**

"When others blinked, we pounced."



#### A BREATH TEST AND A BRIBE: \$100 VS. HONOUR

It was just another routine morning. Access control was in full swing, and breathalyzer checks were being carried out at the gate. One individual, eyes slightly glassy and breath laced with suspicion, stepped up. The reading? 0.044mg/100ml—clear evidence of alco-

hol in his system.

Realizing the walls were closing in, he didn't plead. Instead, he reached into his pocket and silently offered a crisp \$100 bill, sliding it forward with a look that said, "Let's pretend this never happened."

But Blackshark doesn't operate in shadows.

Without hesitation, our officer stood tall, rejected the bribe, and escalated the matter immediately to superiors. The attempt was documented and reported in full.

Lesson of the day: Integrity isn't situational. And our guards don't have a price tag.

#### **GOLD IN HIS PANTS: 2.10G AMALGAM BUSTED BY BLACKSHARK**

April 24th. A quiet mid-morning shift. Access control was steady—until one suspect, fidgeting more than usual, drew the eye of an experienced officer. Something was off.

A body search followed. Tension crackled in the air.

Then—bingo. Wrapped in plastic, nestled inside his undergarments, was 2.10 grams of gold amalgam. It was a calculated heist. The suspect had processed stolen ore off-site and was trying to sneak the goods past security under the guise of being a casual worker.

But this wasn't his day.

He was arrested on the spot. The gold was recovered and submitted according to protocol. The suspect was profiled, photographed, and handed a lifetime ban from the premises.

Thieves evolve. So do we.

#### PAINT THEFT STOPPED BEFORE THE BRUSH DROPPED

It was quiet at the far end of the site—the kind of silence where crime likes to whisper. But not under Blackshark's watch.

From over 100 meters away, one of our vigilant officers noticed strange movement near a drainage outlet on the edge of the property. The location? Unmonitored and typically overlooked.

Upon investigation, four 5-litre tins of oil paint—along with two empty sacks—were found hidden deep in the drainage trench, clearly positioned for pickup later from outside the fence.

Had it not been for this keen observation, the paint would've disappeared under the cover of darkness.

This wasn't luck. This was training.

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#### HAND BAG. HARD CASH. HONEST GUARD.

The mall was buzzing. Carts rattled, customers shuffled, and in the chaos—a handbag was left behind on a trolley near the car park.

Inside? \$37 in cash, a face towel, and sweets. To some, these items might seem trivial. But to the woman who lost them, they were everything.

Our officer spotted the bag, untouched, and knew exactly what to do. He secured it and contacted the store manager. Together, under CCTV surveillance, they verified and documented every item inside.

Twenty minutes later, a distressed woman returned, frantically retracing her steps.

She didn't just find her bag, she found her faith in humanity restored. At Blackshark, honesty isn't an exception. It's the culture.



# CRIME TRENDS THIS MONTH

**Murder hotspots:** Harare, Masvingo, Murewa, and rural Matabeleland

Victim profile: 67% male, ages 18–35

**New tricks:** Robbers using fake police gear, military uniforms, and untraceable weapons

Police strategy: More roadblocks, stricter vetting, rapid deployments

### **PUZZLE OF THE MONTH**

Can you unscramble these crime terms?

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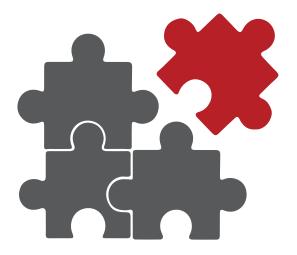
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  - Onsite Security Ops From entry points to exit plans, we own the ground.
    - Rapid Response Linked to panic buttons. Trained. Armed. Ready.
      - CCTV Control Room Your eyes when you sleep.
      - Integrity Testing Spot the rotten before they rot your system.

This April, danger tried to write the headlines.

Blackshark rewrote the ending

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