



Specialised Security Services



PROJECT: **THEFT OF FARM** **LIVESTOCK** **(PART 1)**

Both city dwellers and farmers are targeted increasingly during the Festive Season.

Stock theft increases exponentially during this time. This document is the first of a series dealing with several components of this crime. Theft of stock is turning into a pandemic of its own and it is important to address it continuously.

Stolen livestock is transported inside mini-bus taxis, inside the boot of passenger motor vehicles or crammed into trailers.



MODUS OPERANDI 1:

- Syndicates receive an order for a specific type and number of animals.
- They identify a farm with what they require, closest to them and with a clear exit route.
- Informants infiltrate farms as temporary farm labourers.
- Neighbouring countries' citizens are so-called 'runners'.
- Runners wait outside targeted farms from as early as 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
- Runners start herding the specified animals from around 8 o'clock under the safety of darkness.
- Perpetrators do not just cut through fences - they herd the animals to a corner post of a camp.
- Here they loosen the fence wire by hand, steer the animals through, and tie the wire back to the fence post.
- This is done to effectively cover their tracks, as a cut fence is more apparent to a farmer who is checking his fences.
- The farmer will not check the number of his cattle immediately if the fence is not cut.
- After the initial effort of undoing the fence and tying it fast again, they cut the fences on the adjacent farms - to the place where they intend to make their escape.
- Only the 5th farmer down the line will realise something is amiss and contact the neighbouring farmers telling them to count their animals.
- This provides enough time for thieves to disappear with the stolen animals.
- Runners herd animals up to 60km away during the night.
- It takes them about 3 – 4 hours to get to a departure point safely before daylight.
- Information received off tracking devices in collars around the cattle's necks, show the following:
 - The moment the animals are herded and pass a certain speed, the device is activated, and an alarm is set off.
 - It was found that runners herd animals up to 9km per hour through farms.
 - These runners are masters at herding cattle and are extremely fit and knowledgeable of the terrain.
 - Runners are paid up to R3,000.00 per head of livestock they deliver.
 - The kingpin of the syndicate receives up to R15,000.00 for this animal.

MODUS OPERANDI 2:

- Syndicates target farms close to neighbouring borders.
- They know the terrain in rural areas and use natural obstacles such as dry riverbeds to herd animals through borders.
- It is important to note, that there are no longer any forces patrolling the border.
- Animals are kept in neighbouring countries for a period of time.

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- Although there is a cooperation agreement between South African authorities and other government authorities, corruption remains a dominant problem.
 - Cattle, sheep and even horses are kept in these countries for 7 to 14 days.
 - After this "cool-off" period, runners and syndicates negotiate prices and place of delivery.
 - It happens that the same stolen stock is returned to South Africa, or the animals are exchanged for Lesotho stock and then those will be returned.
 - Either way animals with a different identification branding are returned.
 - Ear markings are removed and therefore, there is identification left.
 - Animals are returned to a pre-selected point and are distributed from there.
 - It is known that there are people working at abattoirs who help perpetrators with completing legislative documents and slaughtering.
 - Corrupt SAPS members are also involved in dealings with these syndicates.
 - Some slaughters are done on private premises for quick cash.
 - Even this is done quickly and professionally.
 - Information received is that such a slaughtering can happen within an hour of the livestock being delivered at the premises in a trailer to being redistributed in a cooler truck.
 - The meat is processed at different locations and sold by a network of small spaza shops.
 - The difficulty in arresting and convicting perpetrators is that most foreigners are without relevant South African documentation.
 - Stolen animals are also hidden away in difficult-to-reach rural areas inside the borders of South Africa and even in abandoned industrial factories.
 - In these factories, animals are kept with water and food for the "cool-off" period of up to 2 weeks.
 - Helicopters or drones are ineffective in searching for stolen stock as animals are kept inside buildings.
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WEANING SEASON:

- The law states that no calf or other youngster needs to be branded before six months old.
- During the weaning months of September, October and November, the theft of young calves' spikes exponentially.
- They are stolen in more significant numbers as they are smaller and can fit into a trailer, accommodating up to 12 animals.
- It is easy to brand the young animals and move them to feedlots with falsified but "legitimate" documentation when stolen.
- A runner will receive approximately R1,000.00 for a weaning calf and the syndicate will sell the same animal for between R6,000.00 and R8,000.00.

HEIFER CALVES (YOUNG FEMALE CALVES):

- There is a booming market for young heifer calves.
- The high cost for a cow-calf is obtained as an adequate supply of acceptable heifers is needed as replacements in the herd after the annual culling of the herds and the genetic improvement potential of a desired genetic base.
- The price of a heifer ranges between R10,000.00 and R15,000.00.
- The selling price of a pregnant cow ranges between R20,000.00 and R25,000.00
- The selling price of a pregnant cow plus her calf can be as high as R35,000.00.
- Corrupt government arrangements provide for replacement heifers to be bought for upcoming farmers in previously disadvantaged rural areas.
- Animals should be branded preferably in the ear and as soon as possible to prevent them from being sold illegally.

PROFILE OF THIS TYPE OF PERPETRATOR:

- The typical profile of a kingpin of such a syndicate resembles a criminal arrested in October 2021.
- The syndicate's mastermind is a well-known individual in the underworld and the community.
- He is known for vehicle theft, dealing in drugs, robbery, assault, illegal firearms and murder apart from stock theft.
- He has 10 outstanding cases against him and is out on bail for 4 of these cases.
- It is a well-known fact that he has SAPS members and court authorities on his payroll.
- He is a renowned businessman and the mastermind behind everything bred, stolen and resold in the area where he operates.
- Several runners continuously inform him of new orders and requests.
- He is extremely wealthy, drives expensive imported vehicles and lives an extravagant lifestyle.
- He is a dangerous man who is not afraid to threaten police members and court officials with murder when they are not willing to be bribed.

See our future projects for further information on the complexity of these crimes, those involved by means of corruption, the annual loss to the farmers and possible safety and prevention methods.

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