

Field Break - Incident Summary

Date of incident: 07/10/17 Time of incident: 1800hrs

Place of incident: Billia Island, Madang, Madang Province, PNG.

Date reported: 08/10/17

Attachment: List of Property looted and their monetary values

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Incident Details: *On the 07/10/17 around 1800hrs, during the second week of field break at home in Madang; the landlord of the house that I rent on Billia Island verbally insulted my wife and mother in-law with obscene and abusive language telling my wife and I to vacate the house immediately. After attempting to reason with the landlord about his abusive words and his conduct, a group of youths known to be involved in serious crimes and robberies around Madang who were drinking alcohol with the landlord verbally threatened to use fire arms to shoot my wife and my mother in-law along with any of her brothers or relatives. I intervened and stopped my wife and mother in-law and withdrew them from the argument with the intoxicated Landlord and his group of youths.*

We then vacated the house for safety and I hired a boat to ferry us to the mainland. My wife then reported the incident to her family members after arriving at the community compound where they live. Her brothers and relatives became angry after learning of the threat. We went back to the island around 1900hrs the same evening to retrieve property and belongings from the rented house. I anchored the hired 40 horse powered, banana boat while my wife and mother in-law along with their brothers and relatives made their way to the rent house. They were confronted at the house by armed youths on the island. It was reported that a fight between the youths and my in-laws took place. Gun shots were fired and my home was ransacked along with two of the landlord's houses reported to have been burnt. They escaped and ran back to the boat. I unfastened the boat when all the members had boarded the boat and we returned back to the mainland.

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This incident was then reported to Madang Police at Jomba police station the next morning 08/10/17. **Police OB reference 261/10**. It was at Jomba Police Station that I learned that a white 19 ft motorized dinghy was used in the looting and several of my personal property including a red 4kva Genpower generator were discovered on the boat after it was seized and three suspects were apprehended by a Police Task Force that attended to the incident. The items are currently locked as exhibit at Madang town police station. Case was attended by Madang CID officer Sgt. Martin.

Image: Police Public Safety Blue Card and OB Reference:

