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COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

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Home invasion 22/11/22.

I live with my elderly mother 92ys and daughter.

They slashed the screen of a bedroom window, gained access to our house. The criminal came into my bedroom at 0300hrs, I chased him out. The criminals then tried to gain access again but my daughter managed to keep them out by wrestling with them to lock a door. They then threw a pot plant through a window, smashed the window over me, and tried to gain access again. He threatened us with a machete, yelled at us and said " I'm going to fucking kill you". I kept them from coming through the window by swinging a ladder at them, we called the police and they left the scene without being apprehended.

We had the obvious expenses after such an incident, fixed the window, got security cameras. The ongoing toll is sleepless nights, hyper vigilance. I hate living in this house, often feel unsafe.

All our immediate neighbours have had aggravated B and E's, vehicles stolen etc