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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES**

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In early Jan 2024, I had a break in at my rental property in Inverell NSW.

I was informed by my real estate agent as I was away from town.

5 young aboriginal males, all under 16 except 1 had chosen my place to break, enter and steal.

It was unfortunately, the same day, that my tenants had come home from hospital with their first ever, new born baby.

The tenants had done very things right, the duplex was locked, however, the 5 young males were street smart, educated and experienced in criminal ways. 4 of them pread themselves along the roller door of the house and lifted, sprung the door up against its own mechanism, about 250mm, enough for the skinniest, 5th kid to slide in under the gap, which then gives immediate access to the house.

While the tenants and the new born were having a nap, the young kid searched the duplex, gathered a wallet, purse, and 2 sets of car keys, went out the front door and stole both of the tenants cars.

It was a very scary and traumatic experience for the young couple with their new born baby in what was supposed to be one of the happiest days of their young lives.

In general, insurance policy quotes for cars and houses in Inverell have gone through the roof in recent years due to the crime wave of young offenders that are continually released on bail by soft touch magistrates.

The elderly are living in fear each night in their own homes, and home owners have no confidence that the law will support them should they need to defend them selves or their property, we all feel the law gives the perpertrators far more leniency and support than it does the law abiding, un-prepared, un- suspecting victims.

Shame on our country, it's leaders and it's laws.