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

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My 79year old Mother has been broken into 4 times in the last 12 months. The first incident was in May 2023 where she came into her kitchen to find a man there asking for a glass of water, but he had actually stolen her bag. 2nd incident was February this year where 2youths are accoused her at her back door. Pulling her down and taking her bag to get her car keys and cash and stole her car. The 3rd incident was earl March where they tried to break in into her house but only broke the security door. The 4th incident was on the 5 th March where she woke to find 2men standing over her bed demanding her bag and car keys. They stole her car and used in other robberies. This time her car was written off. This has been very traumatic for my mother and our family. She doesn't feel safe in her own home. The police know the offenders as most of them are out on bail because the magistrate doesn't do anymore then that. They don't seem to care. They need have harsher consequences for what they do. We have had to put security cameras up. Put a higher fence either side of her house.