

# Gang overpowers 21 guards in house robbery



**CRIME SCENE:** Staff and family members at a Sandhurst mansion belonging to wealthy businessman were held at gunpoint this morning. PICTURE: ANTOINE DE RAS

## CANDICE BAILEY AND MOLEBATSJI MANZI

A GANG attacked a family and staff at a mansion in Sandhurst early this morning, overcoming a huge team of security guards and fleeing with cash and guns.

Police said the gang of about 10 armed men arrived at the Cleveland Road house at about 6.30am.

They overpowered the team of about 10 security guards on duty at the house, where businessman Zunaïd Moti and his family live.

The attackers seized cellphones, and guns from the guards and locked them in a guardhouse at the gate. Then they waited for the

dayshift staff to arrive at about 7am, when they, too, had their cellphones and weapons removed and were locked up.

Police said a total of 21 people were locked in the guardhouse.

The gang ordered their victims to co-operate or be killed. They then moved into the house, where they robbed the family of guns, jewellery and an undisclosed amount of cash. In total, 14 guns were stolen.

Warrant Officer Moses Maphakela said nobody was killed and no shots were fired. Two security guards were slightly injured.

Then the gang fled in a white Lexus 4x4 they stole from the

household. Maphakela said police found the Lexus abandoned in Bryanston.

"We are still looking for the suspects. Police are following up leads," said Maphakela.

A family spokeswoman, Paz Moti, said the family was shocked and did not want to comment.

Moti, 35, is a director of the Abelangani group of companies.

Their interests include property development and minerals.

Moti is also one of the directors of two companies, Zambrotti and Zamien, affected by the fraudulent land deal involving the illegal transfer of prime land from the

Johannesburg Property Company.

