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I was sleeping and heard guns of R7s, ~~the~~ sound of fencing crashing. I got up to investigate, to see if they were attacking my house. Then I saw a hippo diagonally opposite backing through the fence. It was inside the yard trying to get out. I heard two shots. I was looking through the window. I also saw 2 people smashing windows of house. Then I phoned my brother who lives two streets away. He said to stay in the house. Men had passed through his street earlier. We put the beds on the window to protect us. We waited 15-20 min and then ~~we~~ I went outside. I saw the wheel marks; the hippo was gone. There was a bullet hole in the kitchen wall. One woman was dead in bed, another was injured. After 15-20 minutes the police came in a yellow vehicle; they came into the house down the street. The ambulance came after.

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Boipatong (016) 883847. Maria already
dead and Ishoi was still alive. I saw

I was at home on the night of 17/06/92
helping my brother (who is a teacher) to
mark question papers. It was around 20Hrs.
I heard window panes shattering at the
next door house (Hse no 735). I lowered the
volume of the T.V. Set, then I heard our house
windows (front) ~~to~~ breaking. I switched the
T.V. off. I heard gunshots and lied flat
on the floor. Then I heard people calling
at each other 'Mliza Sihambe' (come
let us go). I then peeped through the
dinning and kitchen window and saw two
hippos next to house number 761 which
is diagonally opposite my home. The
one hippo was already in the yard.
It looked like it had reversed into the yard.
The burglar fence was broken. The hippo's
front was facing to the street. The other
hippo had stopped not far off from
this one. I then saw policemen (two)
talking to a man I recognized as
Abdugo (a neighbour). I then got out
of the house. I had also seen other
people I recognized as my neighbours.
I came to house no 761 to investigate
if there were no people injured.

When I got to no 761 I found Maria already dead and Tshidi was still alive. I saw them covered with blood. I could not make out if they were stabbed, hacked or shot. I then went to the third house from house number 761 and found that the mother of the house (Nonjoli) was stabbed. Two children were also attacked. ~~The~~ One of them was already dead. The one hippo I saw earlier parked next to house no 761 came and parked next to Nonjoli's house. It was occupied by whites in camouflage uniform. The colour of the hippo was the usual dark green. I was with Abdnego and Lungile when we asked the policemen to take them to hospital. They told us that they had already called for the ambulances. After fifteen minutes the ambulances arrived. The police were still there. The hippo that had gone into ^{the yard of} house number 761 was still there in the yard. There were white policemen in the yard next to the hippo. Some of them were in the hippo. The others were at the corners of the house. I then left for Slovo Park. I do not know or did not see these hippos leaving.

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Jerry Mwanalisa. He no 472 Hlubi Street
I had stayed in the house for about twenty
five minutes. When I peeped through the kitchen
window, after the attackers had left and I
saw the two police vehicles it was after
about three minutes. I am certain the
police in the two hippos must have seen
the attackers because ~~at~~ at that time the
attackers were still in our street but
further up towards the west (Hlubi
Street).

I jumped off the bed and was just about
exactly before the attack, around 2040s there
was a hippo in Hlubi Street, Batswana
Street whose occupants went about shooting
to get people off the streets. I was in
Batswana Street. We were just about to
start patrolling our neighbourhood when
this took place. I was pointing at
different houses and the others
were going into the houses he
was pointing at. I went out of
that bedroom and went into the
dining room where I looked through
the windows. I then saw a hippo stopping
next to house number 761. I saw three
men getting ^{out of} the hippo. Two men
had dark clothes on with a red headband
on. One had a white jacket on with a

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Gerry Monatisa Hse no 472 Hkubi Street
Boipatong.

Shortly after 10 p.m. when I had just finished watching the M.L. King TV's mini Series on the T.V. I heard a lot of noise coming from the next street. I heard the shattering of windows. I heard people singing. They were singing "U ngu bani wena, wa thinthi u Gapha - wa thinthi uzulu, u dagwe~~ini~~ini". I jumped off the bed and was just about to get out the kitchen door and to investigate. My father stopped me. He told me to come into his bedroom. We looked through the window. We saw a Zulu man holding a shield and spear in the street. The light from the Apollo lamp was good. This man was pointing at different houses and the others were going into the houses he was pointing at. I went out of that bedroom and went into the diningroom where I looked through the window. I then saw a hippo stopping next to house number 761. I saw three men getting ~~into~~^{onto} the hippo. Two men had dark clothes on with ~~is~~ read headbands on. One had a white jacket on with a

white headband and white cloth around his ankle. These men were coming out of Hse number 761. Shortly ~~before~~ ^{after} that I heard a gunshot short. I went out of the house and stood in my yard next to the house where it was dark. I saw a white policeman in camouflage uniform coming out of the yard and ~~was~~ jumped into the back of the hippo. He had nothing on his head. I could clearly see that it was a white policeman. He had a rifle. The hippo left. After about five minutes the same hippo came from the West ~~of~~ along Alubi Street. It stopped and reversed into the yard. The back part ^{of the hippo} was next to the kitchen door. Because of the light of the Apollo mast I saw the ~~same~~ three guys (I had seen earlier on getting off the hippo and entering the house through the kitchen door. Shortly thereafter I saw them holding goods and loading them into the hippo. A white policeman (brownish jersey and camouflage trousers) came out of the hippo (back) went into the house and came out with a T.V. Set. and went with it into the hippo. The hippo then drove off and went north.

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Abednico Malaza Hse NO 751 Lakea Street
After about 5 minutes two other hippos
arrived. They stopped next to house NO
761. The one left and the other went
and stopped next to Nonjoli's house.
I saw people coming out of their houses.
I also went out of the yard and went
to house number 761. I went into the
house and found Maria dead in her
bedroom. Next to her body we found
a 9mm Cartridge. Ishidi was lying
next to her. She had wounds consistent
with stabbing and hacking. She was
still alive. She called out to Abednico.
I went outside and spoke to Tabiso
(neighbour) to go and phone for
an ambulance. After about
between 15 and twenty (20) minutes
the ambulance arrived. The hippo
that had gone into the yard ~~was~~ was
written R26 on the side. It was written
out in a red colour.

Before the attack we were patrolling at the
corner of Papedi & Thababosigo streets when
we heard loud shots and people running
toward our direction. It was shortly
before 8 p.m. We then scattered and
went to our homes. I did not
to scream. The people were

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Abednigo Mabuzza Hse NO 75# Lekoa Street
Baipatong

On the night of Wednesday 17/06/92 around
10 p.m. It was coming along ~~Baipatong~~ ^{Hlubi}
Street going into Lekoa Street.

I saw a small boy about 8 yrs coming
from the ^{South} ~~East~~ of Lekoa Street. This boy
was stumbling. There was no other person
in the street. I went running to
investigate. I found him stabbed, hacked
and shot at. I picked him up and
asked whose child he was and where
he was going to. He said he was
going to Mr. Msibi's house in Hlubi
Street. I asked him what was happening.
Suddenly he screamed and said
here they are coming, these people
attacked and injured my family.
I knocked at Msibi's house. They
took a while to open as they were
frightened. As they were about to
open, I saw a group of people
coming from the north. This group
was armed. They were silent. I
quickly told the Msibi's ~~to~~ to
switch the lights off and ~~to~~
went into the dogs kennel with
the child. I asked the child not
to scream. These people were

already in the yard. When I saw them some were busy attacking houses along the way. They searched around the yard but could not find me. I heard them breaking windows. After a while I went out to investigate when I saw a large group attacking houses followed by a hippo with its lights dimmed. I went back into the kennel. There was also lots of shooting. The hippo kept on driving behind this group. After a while, when it was quite I took the child and went to knock at the house. When they opened they recognized this child as their nephew. I went out to investigate and saw the burglar fence at house no 761 had collapsed and the door (kitchen) was wide open. Upon further investigation I saw the house to Nonjoli's house also wide open. I was confused for a while and went straight to house number 761 where I found the kitchen in a mess and found Maria lying on the

floor of her bedroom covered in
 blood. On the bed was a child the
 child was not injured, but clearly
 shocked. I saw Ishida behind some
 boxes - she was badly injured. She
 called out at me and asked me to
 carry her to the bed. I did so.
 She was hacked on the head and
 shot in the body. Immediately I
 heard the sound of ~~the~~ a hippo
 moving outside. I went out
 and stopped the hippo. I
 actually stood in its way. They
 were refusing to stop, but I was
 forced to as they saw that I was
 determined. Two white policemen
 got off. Did not ask or say
 anything to me. They grabbed me
 and pushed me into the hippo. I
 protested and asked them why
 they were doing that. There ~~was~~ a good
 number of them in the hippo. They said
 to me they just wanted to check
 the situation in that street. They
 drove off with me. At the corner
 of Hibi they stopped and reversed
 back to house number 761.
 In the hippo I was asked how

it came about that I was the first
 to see that people were being
 attacked and injured. They reversed
 into the yard, going over the top
 of the burglar fence which had
 collapsed. They went with me
 into the house. About four went
 with me into the house. I can
 identify them if required to.
 I asked Naggad and pushed them
 for an ambulance. They did not
 seem that concerned and told me
 not to be in a hurry. There were
 cartridges lying around the floor.
 I asked them not to take those
 cartridges. I did not see them take
 the cartridges. I asked them to
 go with me to Nonjoli's house. I
 got there where I found Nonjoli
 lying injured on the dining room
 floor. She was already dead. In
 the bedroom was a dead child
 shot through the neck. ~~The~~ Another
 one was injured and crying in
 pain. She died before the ambulance
 arrived. I did not take the
 registration number of the
 m p p o. I was very confused

When I spoke to the police for the first time I was very discouraged by their attitude. They were generally unconcerned and were in a gay mood. They left after some time. After about thirty minutes, the police came in a hearse van collecting corpses. They were throwing corpses into the vans like sacks. You could see that they were in a good mood.

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