

# A Crime A Minute ...

I AM a Namibian male, aged 27 and have spent 5 years of my life in prison. I have since been released and have found that the alarming increase in crime in our society to be a very worrying factor. There are different types of crime in our country, e.g. theft, murder, rape, mental and physical abuse, etc. Crime is a wrong committed against the state for which criminals are punished. It is depressing to know that a crime is committed nearly every minute of the day and that someone in our beautiful country is either being injured, raped or murdered by an element of our society who either has no feeling or conscience. People must cooperate with the police in order to make their job easier. Parents should keep an

eye on their children and act immediately if they suspect that there is cause for concern. Also, youngsters should avoid places like night clubs because these are very dangerous places for a young person to spend time. The time has come for the public to take a visible stand against people who wish to promote lawlessness in our society. They should be treated like enemies. I call on all Namibians ... let us all go down on our knees and pray to God to intervene and to bless us with peace, love and understanding. As long as we allow criminals to enjoy a free reign in our community we will never know peace.

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