

The São Filipe municipal chamber was burglarized in the early hours of this morning, May 19. The thieves, whose number and identity have yet to be determined, made off with some 70,000 escudos in cash from the municipal treasurer's office. According to information gathered by A Semana Online, the cash in question was in a large envelope. The thieves apparently attempted to open the safe in the office with a rock, but were unsuccessful. Authorities have yet to discover how the thieves entered the building, as all of the doors were closed and locked. National Police are investigating the case. The thieves did not make off with any equipment. In any case, municipal employees have long been calling for increased security measures at city hall, alleging that their safety is at stake. Indeed, in March of this year, São Filipe municipal secretary João Domingos Teixeira was physically assaulted at his work post inside the municipal building.