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MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS QUICK RESPONSE OF POLICE

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has commended the quick response by the police after receiving a tip off of a robbery in Umlazi V-section.

It is alleged that yesterday evening (04 October 2011) at about 10h00, a group of five suspects pretended to purchase food at the KFC in Umlazi V section when they held up the staff members and robbed them of their cellphones and R7000 at the till. It is alleged that one suspect had a gun which they used to frighten the staff members. The police received a tip off and rushed to the scene. The police were able to apprehend four of the suspects while the fifth fled the scene.

The suspects are expected to appear at the Umlazi magistrate tomorrow, two of these suspects are allegedly investigated for another robbery that took place in June at the same food outlet.

The suspects are between the ages of 19 and 20.

Commenting on the matter Mchunu said, **"The quick response by police is an indication how dedicated our police members are. They lead by example. This is a culture that we want to instil in our police force so that we are proactive and able to prevent crime. We also thank members of the community who were brave enough to alert the police of this unfortunate attempt. This vindicates our view that through a partnership between communities and police we will win the battle against crime. I also urge the community of Umlazi to be active in the fight against crime"**.

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