



MEDIA UPDATE

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KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu welcomes the arrest of five suspects for frauding ATM cards.

It is believed that the fraudsters were arrested at Booth Road in Cato Manor at around 05h00 am.

The police in civilian clothes kept observation at the ATM and four suspects arrived travelling in a Nissan Almera. They alighted and three posed as customers whilst the fourth tempered with the ATM. The police immediately approached the suspects who hastily got into their car and sped off.

When police gave a chase and stopped the suspect's car near Chief Albert Luthuli Hospital where the suspects were searched and found in possession of various ATM bank cards from different banks.

The seized cards are allegedly swooped with customer's bank cards when they are distracted by the suspects whilst transacting at the ATM.

Mchunu also welcome the arrest of the another suspect who was trying to bribe the police for R4000 in exchange for the release of the four suspects.

Mchunu commended the police for the job well-done.

“I want to comment the police for the good work. It is unacceptable that people are frauding others. This is immoral and unacceptable. The refusal by the police to accept bribe is an indication that we still have police officers who value their work and profession. Their action is exemplary and we urge all police officers to do the same. This is a clear warning to all fraudsters and criminals that time for such nefarious activities is over,” said Mchunu.

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