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MEDIA ALERT

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MEC DHLOMO WELCOMES THE ARREST OF SIX SUSPECTS AT INANDA

ACTING MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, has commended the police for apprehending six most wanted suspects for alleged armed robberies at Inanda, north of Durban.

The notorious gangs have been on the run since March this year after allegedly committing serious crimes.

Police after receiving a tip managed to make a breakthrough this week (Monday and Tuesday).

Police, who have been on the look-out for criminals operating in Inanda, also arrested six suspects last week for alleged armed robbery in different Spar outlets around Inanda, Phoenix, Pinetown and other areas.

Spar outlets have been the target of criminals as from the beginning of March until the end of June this year.

The second batch of suspects arrested this week was caught in different areas around Durban.

Police have linked these suspects to 13 armed robberies, including vehicle hijacking and other associated crimes.

Police also recovered two vehicles hijacked in KwaMashu, two hand guns,100 false lock books,13 cellphones and a large number of ammunition.

Dr Dhlomo today welcomed these arrests and commended the police for good work done during this operation.

"I welcome the arrest of these suspects and hope that if they are found guilty a heavy sentence will be handed to them. I am convinced that this move by the police will

send a clear message to criminals that they cannot carry on harassing innocent people without being caught.

"We also want to thank the members of the community for their role in sharing with the police information which led to the arrest.

"If communities continue to work in partnership with the police, criminals will have no place in this province. police are working very hard in making sure that criminals are arrested and this will bring trust and dignity of police to the community. As the Government, we have always said that no stone would be left unturned by police to find criminals and bringing them to the court to face music for their evil deeds. ". said Dhlomo.

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