



### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **MEC MCHUNU APPLAUDS KWAMAKHUTHA POLICE FOR APPREHENDING WANTED SUSPECTS OVER THE WEEKEND**

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, commended the members of KwaMakhutha Police Station, south of Durban, today for arresting 38 most wanted criminals who have been on the run from police for a long time now.

An elated Mchunu described this swoop of police on the most wanted criminals as a "major breakthrough" adding that this move sent a clear message to criminals and wrong-doers that police would give them no space to hide in KwaZulu-Natal.

Mchunu was commenting in the wake of a successful and intelligence driven operation by the SAPS in KwaMakhutha to clean-up their policing area of wanted criminals.

The arrested suspects were charged for various cases such as dealing in liquor without licenses, possession of suspected stolen property, business robbery, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, common assault, drunk driving as well as fraud.

During these operations, the members recovered three stolen motor vehicles and parts of vehicles in their area. All the arrested suspects are due to appear today, 18 June 2013 in the Umbumbulu Magistrate Court facing various charges.

**"This is a job well done. I have always called on the police and, indeed, the members of the community to form a United Front Against Crime and give criminals and their cohorts no space and to spare them no inch."**

**"This is, indeed, a commendable work and I am convinced that this move sends a clear message that our men and women in blue uniform are prepared to work around the clock to ensure that those who harass, intimidate and make the lives of ordinary citizens difficult, will be brought to the book."**

**"We urge communities to work with police to ensure that criminals are denied a space to operate in our communities,"** said Mchunu.

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