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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## INTEGRATED FEMALE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION NABBED 15 SUSPECTS FOR CRIME IN DURBAN

The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has applauded a joint operation by female law enforcement agencies, which resulted in the arrest of 15 suspects in Ntuzuma, near Durban.

Ntuzuma SAPS, uMdloti RTI and the Department of Community Safety volunteers staged a road-block and raided hot-spot areas around the Ntuzuma township, yesterday (26 August 2015).

The initiative formed part of a month long enforcement campaign led by women officers as part of promoting Women's Month programme and the important role played by women in society.

The 15 suspects arrested were caught with stolen items including laptops, cellphones, sound system, flat screen TVs and dagga.

There were also 10 summons issued for traffic violations and one driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

These successful operations follow the arrest of more than 378 traffic offenders by female traffic officers in Empangeni over the weekend.

Commenting on the good work by female law enforcement officers, MEC Mchunu commended them for bravery and helping rid our communities of criminals.

"We have no doubt that criminals are now feeling the heat with this heightened female law enforcement operations. Be it on the road or in communities, criminals have no place to hide. These joint operations will continue even beyond the month of August to increase police visibility and intensify the fight against crime. The bravery demonstrated by these female officers shows that women are indeed taking charge for their own safety and the safety of society as a whole," said MEC Mchunu.

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