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MEC MCHUNU DISMAYED AS RTI OFFICERS ARE ROBBED OF THEIR SERVICE PISTOLS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed his anger at the random robbing of two Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) after they stopped a white Audi A4 in KwaHlabisa.

It is alleged that on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at about 9am at KwaHlabisa, two members from Nongoma RTI stopped a white vehicle. Upon stopping the vehicle, four suspects got out armed with rifles and held them at gun point. They were then stripped of their CZ75 9mm service pistols and two extra magazines, after which the suspects fled the scene. The suspects were allegedly following a white Corsa with Gauteng number plates, and both cars fled towards the Mtubatuba direction after the robbery.

Mchunu explain this incident as a barbaric act, which displays the utmost disregard to the rule of law and its enforcers.

“This act shows total disregard for the law. These assailants were armed with rifles and this shows that they have experience in handling firearms and were possibly on a mission to commit other crimes. I condemn this act in the highest degree and appeal to our police to deal decisively with such criminal elements. I appeal to the community who have any information regarding the suspects to come forward and work with the police to find the culprits,” said Mchunu.

A team of investigators has been set up to follow up on this robbery and bring the perpetrators to book. Mchunu has warned anyone who may spot these robbers to alert the police immediately as they are considered armed and dangerous.

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