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### **MEC KAUNDA ORDERS A FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION INTO A VIDEO SHOWING SUSPECTS ESCAPING FROM A POLICE VAN IN DURBAN**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda, has called for a full scale investigation following a video footage showing suspects escaping from a police van.

The footage, which has gone viral on social media, is showing two suspects opening the back of a police bakkie and escaping in front of the people. The two suspects were arrested for carrying dangerous weapons

It is not clear whether the bakkie was locked or a member of the community assisted the suspects to open hence the call by MEC Kaunda for a thorough investigation.

**“We are calling for a full scale investigation into this matter. If police were negligence, action must be taken against them. If a member of the community assisted the suspects, law must also take it cause. We are also disturbed at the behaviour of some members of the public who were watching as the incident happens and turning this into a mockery instead of assisting the police. We urge the people of KwaZulu-Natal to work with the police because it is only through strong partnership between police and the community that we can fight and defeat crime,”** said MEC Kaunda

MEC Kaunda further emphasised that top on his agenda is the promotion of partnership between the community and the police. He also emphasised the need for

building of community structures, describing this as the “cornerstone for a crime free society.”

**“Police have our full support and we have confidence on them. They, however, cannot win the battle against crime if the community is not working together with them. As part of our programme, we will embark on a programme of building strong community structures with the aim of mobilizing community to be active participants in the fight against crime. Police can only succeed if we share with them information,”** concludes MEC Kaunda.

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