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MEC KAUNDA LAUDS BRAVERY OF PASSER BY WHO CHASED ROBBERS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison has hailed the bravery of a motorist who witnessed a robbery of a female student outside the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) Pietermaritzburg campus on Wednesday (06 March 2019) and chased the suspects.

UKZN students have been terrorised by this gang that has been robbing them at gunpoint, most of the robberies occurred in the evenings as students were walking to their residences. According to police reports, the civilian gave chase for approximately 12 kilometres as the gang was driving towards Glenwood firing shots at the car giving chase, eventually the brave man called the police who also pursued the gang who were escaping in a red Mazda Laser. They also fired shots towards the police who retaliated.

Two alleged gang members were killed, the third was taken to hospital for medical attention and fourth managed to elude the police.

The MEC has praised the motorist for doing the right thing even when his own life was at risk. **“I want to applaud this brave civilian who showed tremendous courage and selflessness even when shots were fired towards him. We need more people like him to wage war on crime in KwaZulu-Natal. I also want to thank the police for responding swiftly to the incident. This is proof that we are indeed intensifying the war on crime in KZN,”** said Kaunda.

Police recovered everything that was stolen from the student, including a handbag, a cell phone and a laptop.

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