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MEC KAUNDA LAUDS SWIFT RESPONSE BY POLICE TO APPREHEND ESCAPING SUSPECTS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda, has commended the police for their swift response in apprehending three suspects who escaped from the uMbumbulu Magistrates Court yesterday (05 March 2019).

Police report indicates that three suspects who were supposed to appear at the uMbumbulu Magistrates court overpowered a police officer and stripped him of his service pistol before escaping. One of the suspects was to be sentenced for 17 counts of rape. Two of the suspects were arrested shortly after they tried to jump over a fence in the vicinity of the court precinct, as they were fleeing on foot. The third suspect who was awaiting sentencing for multiple rape cases was allegedly picked up by a male friend who was driving a white Range Rover.

Police gave chase and apprehended the suspect and his accomplice.

Kaunda has lauded the police for their quick response. **“I commend the police for their swift and decisive response during this brazen escape from police custody. This is a clear indication that police are dedicated to fight the scourge of crime.”** said Kaunda.

The MEC also applauded police for arresting Njabulo Lucky Khumalo (32), who had escaped from Westville Correctional Centre on Monday (04 March 2019). Khumalo was apprehended at the KwaMashu taxi rank yesterday.

“I want to salute our brave police officers for their commitment in creating a safe environment for the people of KwaZulu-Natal,” said MEC Kaunda.

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