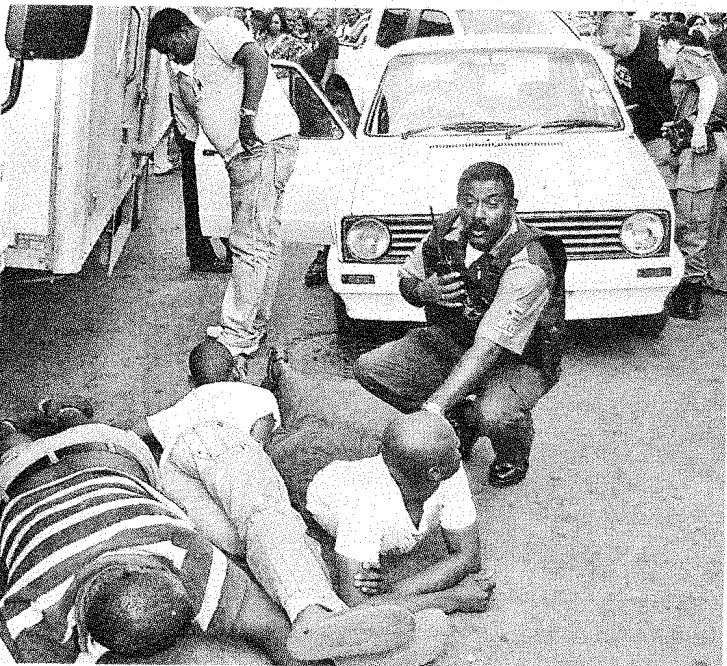


Joining forces to track down hijackers

Seven recoveries and three arrests in two weeks - MARS



The three suspects, who were arrested for hijacking a VW Golf, are seen with MARS officer, Raj Naidoo.

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An effort to curb the escalating rate of hijackings and robberies in Chatsworth, led to a joint operation being held by Chatsworth SAPS, Polsec, Metro Police and Tracker, last Friday.

The operation, which yielded excellent results, involved strategic operations and planning. Their efforts resulted in the arrest of one person, who was in possession of dagga and numerous fines, which were issued for various road traffic violations. Members who were involved in the operation also conducted patrols in areas known for its high crime rate.

Logan Packaree, operation manager for Metro Armed Response Service (MARS), a security company which is part of Polsec, and the only security company that is partnered with Tracker, said, "After applying a year ago for a Vehicle Tracking Unit (VTU) to be installed, the application was approved on November 5, this year. After fitting our vehicles with VTU, we made our

first recovery on November 6. Since installation, we have made seven recoveries in a period of two weeks and we have made three arrests. Once we receive a tracker signal, we immediately respond to the call. All vehicles hijacked, thus far, have been recovered under an hour. Some of

the vehicles recovered included three Hyundais, a Toyota, a Nissan and a VW Golf."

Last Sunday, during another Polsec initiative, a TV set, six DVD players and power tools were also recovered in various houses in Shallcross.