

# Police recover vehicle quickly

Quick and efficient service from the Boksburg Police Station led to the recovery of a hijacked vehicle, thus reaffirming one family's trust in the badge.

On June 7, a man and his 13-year-old son were hijacked in front of a home on the corner of Brabant and Erinvale streets, in Freeway Park.

This led to a flurry of panic and doubt as to whether the police would even respond to their emergency call.

"My ex-husband had just brought my son home following a weekend visit, when a dark coloured (metallic blue or black) Ford Bantam bakkie came to a screeching halt behind his

Ford Territory," said the mother, who wishes to remain anonymous.

"My son was already out of the car and had rung the door bell when one of the occupants of the bakkie cocked and pointed a gun at his head, demanding that he lay on the ground, where they were searched.

"I had always been open and honest to my son about crime and the risk we face on a daily basis of being involved in a hijacking - but I never thought this would happen to him, in front of his home.

"Following the ringing of the doorbell, my partner stepped out of the house to see what was keeping my son, when he noticed the two

vehicles racing down the street - he knew something was amiss."

The woman said that an emergency call was immediately placed with the police's 10111 call centre, but the family doubted that much good would come from it.

"Within five minutes, two police units from the Boksburg Police Station were at our house, efficiently collecting statements and making radio contact with Tracker.

"An hour later we were told that the vehicle had been found in a veld near Rondebult and that officers responding to the call had disrupted the culprits who were in the process of stripping it," she said.

"When we arrived, detectives were already collecting fingerprints, making it look like a scene out of CSI - it was unbelievable and comforting at the same time to see these uniformed men and women in blue in action.

"Speaking to our domestic employee, police were also able to establish that the Bantam bakkie had been circling the area all day and that one of the doors to the vehicle was visibly dented.

"It is horrifying that my son had to endure such an ordeal.

"It is however comforting to know that we have such professional and caring police officers fighting crime in our city."