



## Tracker and SAPS dog SNIFF OUT CULPRITS

Vehicle-tracking company, Tracker, and Wolf, the SAPS Durban South Dog Unit's German Shepherd, double-teamed in the early hours of 1 April to track down a suspect in a brutal hijacking murder case that took place shortly before midnight in Inanda, KwaZulu-Natal.

At approximately 22h30 on Sunday, 31 March, a woman and her male passenger were attacked by four armed men at a stop street in Inanda. It was reported that at least two of the men opened fire on the vehicle, seriously injuring the female driver and killing the male passenger.

The men then pulled the badly-injured driver out the vehicle and drove off. Soon afterwards they stopped to dump the deceased man's body on the side of the road. Upon arrival at the scene, the police contacted Tracker to activate the tracking unit in the vehicle.

Within minutes, Tracker, the Durban Metro Police, and the SAPS Montclair Crime Prevention Unit had traced the vehicle, a Toyota Hilux, to a dark and secluded section of Umlazi. Here they found the car parked outside a house. Seeing the crews arrive, the suspects then fled on foot.

Gareth Crocker, Tracker's communications manager, explained, "The crews managed to block off the area and called in the SAPS Durban South Dog Unit. Wolf, a German Shepherd, was taken to the vehicle to pick up a scent. The dog then quickly tracked down one of the suspects (who was) hiding under a bush only a few hundred yards away from the vehicle."

The man was taken into custody and police are searching for the remaining suspects.

"We are very proud that our technology has contributed to an arrest in this case and hopefully will result in all four suspects soon being apprehended. Tracker has offered trauma counselling to the affected family members and would like to praise the police for their swift actions," Crocker added.

"We work very closely with the various SAPS Dog Units around the country and cannot speak highly enough of these officers and their canine partners who so often help track and bring down dangerous suspects. They are doing invaluable work in the fight against crime in South Africa and we are honoured to work side-by-side with them," concluded Crocker.

Tracker's partnership with the SAPS has resulted in almost 45 000 vehicle recoveries, leading to more than 8 000 arrests.