

Cops hunt for alleged car thief

TRACKER: *High speed chase ends at Fourways Crossing*

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A MANHUNT has been launched by police for a suspect who fled after a high speed chase that ended at the Fourways Crossing Shopping Centre yesterday.

Johannesburg police spokesman Inspector Kim Cloete

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"As the car was followed through Beyers Naude the SA Police Service was called in to assist. The chase continued through Randpark Ridge until the suspect got back on the highway," said Inspector Cloete

The police chopper was called to the scene and the chase continued till the Fourways Crossing Shopping Centre where the suspects started driving towards on-coming traffic.

"Officers in the chopper fired some shots in an attempt to stop the fleeing vehicle but it resulted in the suspects losing control of the vehicle and crashing into the palisade wall of Builders Warehouse,"



WANTED. A car that was stolen in Pretoria stranded on the road next to Fourways Crossing yesterday after it crashed when police fired on it from a helicopter during a chase. One suspect was arrested but the other managed to get away. Picture: Neil McCartney.

said Inspector Cloete.

Constable Sam Mothapo and Constable Jeffrey Moloto from the Sandton Crime Prevention Unit managed to chase and arrest a 26-year-old who tried to flee. His accomplice managed to flee.

Police also recovered a 9mm pistol during the chase which the suspects had thrown out of the window.

The arrested suspect will appear in court on Monday on a charge of possession of a suspected stolen vehicle.