

LPR cameras yield results

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On Friday July 7, at 6pm, the Sea Point City Improvement District Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) Camera Unit, went into action following an alert that a wanted vehicle had triggered one of the cameras.

Response vehicles from both the Sea Point CID and the police were dispatched to the location of the wanted vehicle, which at the same time was being monitored by the LPR control room via the multiple cameras within the area.

Captain Elizabeth Munro, spokesperson for Sea Point SAPS, said Lieutenant Colonel Christo Engelbrecht and the Sea Point Police Crime Prevention Unit, who were busy patrolling the area, responded immediately, to corner of Beach and Worcester roads, Sea Point, and pulled over the vehicle.

"When SAPS searched the vehicle, they found stolen property and car breaking implements inside.

Four men, aged 25 to 35, were arrested in Sea Point. They are charged with possession of suspicious stolen property and possession of car breaking implements. They appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's court on Monday July 10 where bail was opposed by the investigating officer."

Captain Munro said this was just one of a few positive outcomes of the Licence Plate Recognition Camera system. "On a daily basis, controllers are using the cameras to zone in on crime and ultimately making Sea Point safe," she said.