

Attempted garage robbery ends in crash at roadblock

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A 32-YEAR-OLD man with a police badge and a state-issued firearm was arrested when he crashed his BMW after trying to rob the BP Express garage shop in Cape Road, Port Elizabeth.

Police Captain Sandra Janse van Rensburg said the car chase began after the man attempted to rob the shop on Friday night.

"The suspect drew a firearm but the cashier managed to press the panic button," she said.

"The robber then saw an Atlas security vehicle approaching and fled in the direction of Central in his BMW."

According to Janse van Rensburg, he attempted to avoid a police roadblock in St Patricks Street, Central, before crashing into a pavement.

The driver was arrested and his two passengers, a 13-year-old boy and a 44-year-old man, were taken in for questioning, but later released.

Janse van Rensburg said the man was not a police official.