Police van crashes into Prince Mshiyeni's casualty

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Yesterday evening around 22h00, a police van bringing an injured patient to Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital reversed and crashed the casualty section of the hospital causing damage to the building.

"It happened last night while the other police men were bringing in a patient into the casualty ward," said the Hospital PRO Miss Nonkululeko Ngcobo. "A police man who was left in the van might have caused the vehicle to loss control and reverse into the casualty building. We do not know the extent of the damage at this stage but a wall and windows were damaged."

The matter is being investigated with the police.

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