

## SHOT ROBBERY VICTIM'S LUCKY ESCAPE

A DURBAN man, Sagren Pillay, 43, is recovering in hospital after a bullet went through his neck during an attempted cash-in-transit robbery in Shongweni yesterday.

Pillay is being described as a "very lucky man" as the bullet did not sever his spine or cause severe damage.

Frans van Biljon, who works for Justicia Investigations as a polygrapher, and who found Pillay on the road shortly after the attempted robbery, said he had lost a lot of blood.

Van Biljon, a former policeman, came across the armoured truck and Pillay bleeding profusely inside it.

Another man who was a guard in the truck, Castus Nguni, 36, was reported to have sustained minor injuries.

The robbers used a green BMW to ram the armoured vehicle off the road. When the truck came to a standstill, Pillay tried to crawl out but the robbers opened fire, hitting him in the neck.

The thieves left empty-handed as the armoured vehicle had not been carrying any cash.

Police spokeswoman Danelia Veldhuizen said no arrests have yet been made. - *Daily News Reporter*