

# And the Kuga reputation once more goes up in flames...

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NEWSWATCH: The N3 south, near the London Road off-ramp near Sandton, saw some fireworks yesterday, Monday, 18 June 2018, as another Ford Kuga burst into flames.

It is reported that one of the employees at Ford took the car for a test drive when the incident occurred.

Since Reshall Jimmy's death in his Kuga in George in December 2015, more than 80 Kugas have spontaneously burst into flame across SA. The car manufacturer has conducted three safety recalls (more than 4,500 Kugas were recalled in total).

Jimmy's family, frustrated by the lack of justice and by suspected stonewalling, has turned to private prosecutor Gerrie Nel to take up their case.

“ *The Ford Kuga caught fire just after 1:00PM on the N3 South near the London Road offramp. 💎💎: Sandy Sequiera. AK [pic.twitter.com/BcyfU9g9HL](https://pic.twitter.com/BcyfU9g9HL)— EWN Reporter (@ewnreporter) [June 18, 2018](#) ”*

“ *Who needs spontaneous human combustion when you can testdrive a #Kuga. [pic.twitter.com/OiS7ANYtPR](https://pic.twitter.com/OiS7ANYtPR)— Simone Abrahams (@Added\_Luxury) [June 18, 2018](#) ”*

More details about the incident and specific car are sure to follow.

How ironic that just about the same time the story appeared on major news sites, a Ford dealer tweeted the following:

“ *The new#Ford #Kuga makes driving simpler, safer and more enjoyable than ever. Bursting with clever tech and comfortable styling, it's ready for anything that you throwat it. Don't take our word for it - put it to the test: <https://t.co/AGAh2N6Cav> [pic.twitter.com/YgjmTMuML](https://pic.twitter.com/YgjmTMuML)— Cliff Dickenson (@Cliffdickenson) [June 18, 2018](#) ”*

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