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MEDIA ALERT

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

**MEC CELE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KRANSKOP STATION
COMMISSIONER, SUPERINTENDENT ZETHEMBE CHONCO**

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will attend the funeral of the late Superintendent Zethembe Chonco who was ambushed on the call of duty whilst escorting prisoners to court. The funeral will take place at his home at KwaNongoma - eMatheni, at 09:00 am tomorrow (Saturday, 6 September 2008).

Meanwhile, members of the Organized Crime Unit are following up on a promising lead to apprehend Chonco's killers. In the early hours of Wednesday morning a prime suspect in Chonco's murder was gunned down after his attempt to fire shots at the police who were trying to take him in for questioning. This comes amid Cele's urgent call to all police officers not to die with guns in their pockets but to shoot hard at criminals and put them behind bars or send them to the cemetery.

"Chonco's contribution in stabilizing the taxi industry has been a beacon of hope to all; his legacy will be carried over by the colleagues in the SAPS. He will be greatly missed by all who hold him in high esteem and may his soul rest in peace," said Cele

Chonco's funeral will also be attended by provincial and local political leadership, senior government officials and other dignitaries.

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