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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRES**

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**MEC CELE CONDEMNS THE SHOOTING AT CHESTERVILLE**

KWAZULU NATAL MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison Mr Bheki Cele strongly condemns the shooting of taxis that happened this morning (12/08/08) at Chesterville at 3am.

Preliminary reports have revealed that one of the taxis that were shot lost control and crashed into a house. No one was reported injured. This shooting was subsequent to a meeting held between the Chesterville/Cato Manor Associations and the Department yesterday (11/08/08). The decisions taken were that the Cato Manor will take the Nsimbini route and Chesterville would take the Chief Albert Luthuli route. This was the first time the two associations were meeting with the department at the same time.

Today (12/08/08) at 6pm there will be a meeting at Cato Manor to discuss operations to come up with an agreement on future operations.

**"If the discussion fails between the two associations, the area will be declared a crisis area. Public transport facilities and routes are a public entity and not a shooting game park therefore, the department will do everything in its power to maintain law and order and furthermore advance our strategic law enforcement"** said Cele

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