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MEC CELE TO ATTEND A FUNERAL OF RRTF MEMBER AT KWA-NONGOMA

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele will tomorrow on Saturday (23/08/08) attend a funeral service of Mr. Nkosinathi Emmanuel Mthethwa, the Chairperson of KwaNongoma Rural Road Transport Forum (RRTF). The funeral service is scheduled to commence at 9H00 at the Methodist Church in Kwa-Nongoma.

Mthethwa (53) who has been one of the Department's stakeholders and the KwaNongoma RRTF Chairperson from 1996 was shot. According to the preliminary reports received, it is alleged that Mthethwa was parked near the Tops Garage at Kwa-Nongoma when an unknown car drove by, shooting and killing him on the scene. The SAPS are still investigating and have opened a murder case.

"I would like to send my deepest condolences to the Mthethwa family. This murder was very brutal and unnecessary. The SAPS will make sure that the hooligans who did this are caught and put away. Mthethwa was a great man and his death is not a loss only to his family, but to the community and the department at large," said Cele.

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