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**MEDIA ALERT**

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**MEC CELE SPEAKS OUT ON THE N3 SHOOTING INVOLVING A MEMBER  
OF THE VIP PROTECTION UNIT**

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has robustly condemned the irresponsible behavior displayed by a member of the VIP protection Unit of the SAPS resulting in an accident on the N3 North Bound near Ashburton outside Pietermaritzburg in the early hours of Saturday Morning (15/11/08). This follows reports that the VIP protector fired shots at the tyre of a motorist who failed to exit the fast lane causing an accident that injured eight people.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the VIP protector was later arrested at Camperdown Police Station after he was handed over by his Principal, the MEC for Social Development Dr. BM Radebe. The driver was charged for attempted murder amongst other charges and he will appear in court on Monday.

Yesterday's accident could have been avoided if the drivers could *Just Do Right*. As government it is our duty to defend the law of the land hence we cannot tolerate irresponsible behavior from anyone, no one is above the law and defeating the ends of justice comes with serious consequences.

The SAPS are conducting an extensive investigation on the matter and it will be dealt with accordingly. The guilt or innocence of the VIP protector in this matter will be decided by the court of law. I however would like to send a strong message to all the citizens of the province to please respect and protect the law, including police officers and whoever of the land or face the full might of it.

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