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**MEC CELE APPLAUDS THE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE LATE SUPT
CHONCO'S MURDER INVESTIGATION**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has commended the investigating detectives who shot and fatally wounded two suspects being sought after for the murder of the late Supt. Zethembe Chonco, who was recently killed in the KwaMaphumulo area north of KwaZulu-Natal.

Preliminary reports have revealed that the police received a tip-off that the suspects would be traveling in a Hyundai Tucson (SUV) along N3. When they spotted the vehicle and tried to stop it - the suspects allegedly shot first at the police and the police subsequently returned fire and the two suspects were shot and killed.

"The shooting of criminals shows that police are heeding my plea to shoot hard at criminals and not die with guns in their pockets. I hope this will be a lesson to other criminals that police are serious about their work and will not hesitate to protect themselves and the community they serve. The police will leave no stone unturned in bringing the perpetrators to book," said Cele.

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