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MEC MCHUNU TELLS DRUNK POLICE OFFICERS TO QUIT

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu has strongly condemned the members of the Melmoth South African Police Services who are accused of indulging in a consignment of confiscated liquor during working hours. Mchunu described the incident as, "the most shameful and embarrassing since he took the reigns of the Community Safety & Liaison portfolio".

According to the report from the KZN SAPS Provincial Commissioner, "The Liquor was loaded into the Police truck and taken to the destruction point. It is at this place that, it is alleged some liquor was not destroyed; instead the SAPS Members loaded these and conveyed it to their residences. When this information was relayed to the Station Management, an investigation was launched, and later a criminal charge of corruption was opened. The ten implicated officers have been suspended without pay, while further investigations are underway. They are expected to face both criminal charges as well as internal disciplinary action soon.

Mchunu said: "The actions of these officers casts negative aspersion on the integrity of the South African Police Service. The alleged action of the officers brings the SAPS into disrepute, and will not be tolerated. We have no place for officers who do not honour their badge and the uniform. Drinking on duty is a very serious offence, but, drinking whilst in police uniform is totally unforgivable. Once all due processes are completed, I wish these

officers to be permanently removed from the service so that they may have enough time to indulge in liquor”.

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