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MEC CELE COMMENDS ON THE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE LATE AMEN MKHANYAWO'S MURDER INVESTIGATION

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele has applauded the SAPS on the breakthrough of arresting five suspects who were allegedly involved in killing Amen Mkhanyawo and raping four victims last month (26/03/09).

According to preliminary reports, the arrest was made in the early hours of today (28/03/09) after an intensive investigation. The five criminals were allegedly involved in the series of criminal acts which involved rape, kidnapping, attempted murder and murder at uMlazi section which resulted in the brutal murder of Mkhanyawo. When this arrest was made two pistols were recovered, four cell phones and other goods believed to be the victims, were recovered. The suspects are facing six charges including, house robbery (two counts), rape (four counts), murder, attempted murder, indecent assault and abduction. The suspects will appear at uMlazi Magistrate Court on Monday (30/03/09). The investigations are still continuing and more arrests are expected.

"I would like to commend the SAPS on the job well done in catching these hooligans, this breakthrough shows very clear that the SAPS are working sleepless nights to ensure that criminals are caught and dealt with accordingly. The police will continue with their efforts in ensuring that if there are still more suspects at large, they will not escape the full might of the law", said Cele.

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