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KENNEDY ROAD POLICE TASK TEAM BREAKTHROUGH - MEC IS IMPRESSED

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety & Liaison Willies Mchunu has commended the SAPS (Kennedy Road Special Task Team) for having "acted speedily, and with diligence," after three suspects were apprehended at the weekend. Mchunu was quick to add that, "the 24-hour policing at Kennedy Road Informal Settlement remains and more suspects are being sought."

According to the SAPS report to the MEC, "On Saturday, 10 October a key suspect was arrested at Flagstaff in the Eastern Cape, on Sunday, 11 October, two (02) suspects were arrested at Clare Estate. All three men are wanted for murder, attempted murder and public violence at the Kennedy Road Informal Settlement. Suspects are expected to appear in Court on Tuesday, 13 October."

"I am impressed by the Task Team's early success. It is this kind of dedication to duty that we require from all members of the SAPS. The community of Kennedy Road Informal Settlement deserves and will receive government support in bringing back order and normality in their area. Criminals must beware, more are to be apprehended," Mchunu said.

He added: "Suspects remain innocent until proven guilty. I urge the community of Kennedy Road Informal Settlement to respect the due process of the law. I further ask them to give crime busters (Task Team) 100% support. Report crimes to them, submit a list of alleged criminals, and the Team will act accordingly."

Issued on behalf of the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison – the Honourable Acting Premier Willies Mchunu (MPL), by the Ministry's Media Liaison & Public Relations Directorate.

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