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MEC CELE SPEAKS OUT ON THE DEADLY SHOOTING OF THREE PEOPLE AT A PIETERMARITZBURG TAXI RANK

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Bheki Cele robustly condemns the deadly shooting of three people at a Pietermaritzburg taxi rank by unknown men early this morning (19/02/2009).

It is alleged that three people were inside a car when unknown men walked by shooting randomly and killing them instantly. No one has been arrested on the shooting; however the SAPS is conducting an intensive investigation on the matter. The motive at this stage is not known however taxi violence has not been ruled out.

“We are deeply disturbed by such barbaric killings and strongly condemn it in the strongest possible way. The SAPS will conduct an investigation to these killings and those found to be on the wrong will face the full might of the law. Furthermore our Public Transport Monitoring and Compliance (PTMC) unit and the Kwa-Zulu Natal Taxi Council (KZNTC) will convene and try and get more facts that might expedite the arrest of these ruthless perpetrators, said Cele.

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