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CRIME STATISTICS REVEAL A DECREASE IN MOST CATEGORIES IN KZN

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety Mr. Willies Mchunu has welcomed the crime statistics revealed for 2009/10 versus 2008/09. Crime statistics in KZN have shown that a number of successes were achieved in combating crime. The three key categories of contact crime that decreased include murder, attempted murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances. The significant drop in the incidence of murder represents a highlight in this report.

Reports have shown that from 2008/09 to 2009/20, there has been a 14% decrease in murder cases, making the Province the 2nd after North West, 3.3% decrease in sexual offences, 9.2% decrease in attempted murder making KZN the leading Province in the decrease. Robbery with aggravating circumstances showed a 13% decrease making the Province the 2nd after Northern Cape. Stock-crime has increased by 2.1%. Robbery at non-residential premises has shown that there was a 17% decrease making KZN the leading Province.

"I would like to congratulate the SAPS for their job-well done in reducing crime in KZN. Special attention will be given to those areas that have increased e.g. Stock-theft. Furthermore, these stats have shown that a social crime, which comprises all contact crime except aggravating robbery and common robbery are mainly crimes occurring between people who know one another (family, friends, acquaintances etc). I would like to send a stern warning to all those who still break the law, that the SAPS are out there in full force and they will face the full might of the law," said Mchunu.

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