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SHONGWENI MASSACRE SUSPECT TURNS HIMSELF IN

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The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has commended the police on putting pressure on the suspects that were involved in the brutal killing at Ntshongweni last Monday (25/10/1010), which has resulted with one of them handing himself in to the Plessislaer police station yesterday (02/11/2010)

A 22-year old suspect who was allegedly part of the gruesome murders that took place on Monday (28/10/2010) turned himself in at the Plessislear Police Station in Pietermaritzburg. The Hawks were following up on a lead to apprehend him before he handed himself over and he was immediately taken in for questioning. The suspect is expected to appear at the Magistrate Court in Pinetown on Friday (05/11/2010)

"I would like to commend the police for their hard work in trying to get these criminals. It clearly shows that he was feeling the pressure from our police officers hence he decisively handed himself over. We strongly advise the others to hand themselves in otherwise our police will continue with their hard work and dedication to ensure that all these perpetrators are apprehended and brought to book," said Mchunu.

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