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FOUR KILLED EXECUTION STYLE IN TSHENELIMNYAMA

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Wiliies Mchunu, strongly condemns the killing of four people including a six month old baby in the early hours of this morning **(28/10/2010) Thursday** in eTshenelimnyama outside Durban.

Preliminary reports reveal that four people were shot dead in their home early this morning, two male adults, one female adult, in their early 30s and a six month old baby were killed and their bodies were discovered this morning.

The motive of the shooting is unknown at this stage. Police reports reveal that there was an argument followed by gunshots. A case of inquest has been opened. The organized crime units (hawks) are on scene investigating the incident and to apprehend the perpetrators of this crime.

This follows a meeting that was held yesterday in Pinetown Civic Centre with all stakeholders; Provincial Commissioner's office, Councillors, CPF, Ethekwini Municipality, Political parties in finding a way forward to deal with crime in this area. In less than a week 2 cases of gruesome murders have been opened in this area.

The Department of Community Safety and Liaison will launch "*Operation Hlasela"* in this area following these incidents.

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will visit the family of the victims **today (28/10/2010).**

'I extend my most sincere condolences to the family of the bereaved. Law Enforcement Agencies will work tirelessly and leave no stone unturned in investigating this horrific crime. The perpetrators of this crime will feel the full might of the law. I strongly urge all members of the community to work together with the police to apprehend these criminals." Said Mchunu.

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