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ANOTHER SUSPECT LINKED TO THE NTSHONGWENI MASSACRE GUNNED DOWN

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has commended the police in the province for moving swiftly in tracking down the third most wanted suspect linked to the Ntshongweni massacre yesterday (16/11/10) evening.

Bhejane, another suspect (who is known to be the brother of Nkalakatha) was sought for the Ntshongweni and Etshelimnyama massacre, was gunned down yesterday following a tip off that he was at Oakalnd (between Dozenhoek and Marianhill). Five members of one family at Ntshongweni were shot and killed, also a neighbor and his partner (who survived) were shot and a thirteen year old girl was raped early this month. Whilst the matter was under investigation, a similar incident happened at Entshelimnyama with a similar modus operandi.

A task team was assembled; consist of the Durban Organised crime, headed by Deputy Commissioner who is also the head of Hawks (Maj. General Johan Boosen). The police received information about Bhejane's whereabouts. They conducted "observation pose" and noted that he was in one of the houses. The Nation Intervention Unit was also present for backup. When the police penetrated the house, Bhejane opened fire at them using hand-gun. The police retaliated and fired shots back. He was later identified to have been shot to death.

Bhejane was linked to ten murder cases in two separate incidents, one case of attempted murder and one rape case.

"I would like to commend the police for working tirelessly to ensure that the perpetrators were brought to book. This is a clear warning to all criminals that, the arm of the law is very long and no matter where they hide, they will be found. I would also like to commend the community for tipping the police. It shows that if the police and the community work together, they can win this battle of crime. Criminals must know that if they attempt to shoot at police, they will not hesitate to retaliate and shoot back to protect themselves and other civilians whose lives might be endangered. KZN will not be ruled by criminals and we cannot allow this Province to be their playground," said Mchunu.

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