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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS POLICE FOR SUCCESSFULLY APPREHENDING SUSPECT AT MANDINI**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willies Mchunu has commended police for successfully apprehending suspect at Ndulinde area near Mandeni yesterday.

Reports reveal that, On Sunday, 23 October 2011 at 11:00, Nyoni SAPS members in the North Coast, were doing their normal patrols at Ndulinde area near Mandeni when they spotted a suspicious-looking White VW Golf vehicle with three occupants.

The vehicle was circulated and came as a stolen vehicle at KwaDukuza area. The members tried to stop the said vehicle but it sped off.

The police gave chase and the suspects stopped their vehicle and allegedly shot at the members of the police. The police returned fire, fatally wounding one suspect Sibusiso Mwandla (25) and a second suspect was arrested. The third suspect managed to escape and is still at large. The arrested suspect was charged with attempted murder and possession of a stolen vehicle. He appeared in the Nyoni Magistrates' Court today, 24 Monday 2011.

**"I commend the SAPS members for always being on a look out for any suspicious moves or personnel and acting on their gut feeling. It is unfortunate that one suspect died during the shootout but suspect have been warned several times to surrender and not**

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**give fight with police, because they will retaliate and there are zero chances that they will survive. I would like to appeal to the suspect at large to surrender himself because the law has a long arm and the police will make sure that he is brought book. I would like to further request the community to work together with police if they have information in this regard, said Mchunu**

**ENDS**

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