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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**MEC MCHUNU AWAITS FOR POSTMORTEM RESULTS ON THE DEATH OF FEMALE IN**  
**INKANDLA**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has condemned the killing of a woman at Nkandla yesterday (05/09/2011) after shooting between the community and police.

Reports reveal that the suspect was expected to appear at iNkandla Magistrate Court on two counts of murder and one for rape. The community members were outside the court and it is alleged that they tried to stop the police van with a suspect in it. The police tried to stop them with rubber bullets and the community retaliated. It is alleged that some of the community members had guns and weapons. There was shooting between members of the community and SAPS, resulting in a woman, Elizabeth Mavundla (45) who was a vendor in the area, being shot in the back. She died on the scene.

**“I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased. I would also like to emphasize that we are still waiting for the results of the postmortem to determine whether rubber bullets or normal bullets killed her. The outcome will determine if the Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) needs to investigate further. However, I would like to appeal to community members to avoid such confrontations with police because the end results are not good and innocent people end up dead,”** said Mchunu.

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