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## **MEDIA ARLERT**

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## MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES POLICE BRAVERY AS THEY FACE SUSPECTS HEAD ON

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has commended police bravery as they face wanted criminals in Chatsworth.

Preliminary reports revealed that yesterday (12 October 2011) police officers received information on the whereabouts of suspects wanted in various crimes which included Hijacking, House Robberies, Murder and Attempted Murder in the Durban area. The police then went to the mentioned address to arrest the suspects. Upon arrival the Police came under heavy gun fire. Upon noticing the police officers, the suspects fired shots at them. The police returned fire and one suspect was shot dead, two other suspects fled the scene.

## MEC Mchunu commented on the police bravery

"I take my hat off to the police who heeded the call and quickly went to confront the wanted suspects. The tip off made it possible for these criminals to be dealt with. I also want to commend the good partnership between the community and the police as this is the only weapon to defeat crime and criminals. We thank God that no police officer was harmed in the confrontation. We appeal to the community to any one who has

information regarding the other two suspects to come forth so they too can be arrested. , said Mchunu.

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