



## **MEDIA UPDATE**

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### **MEC MCHUNU COMMENDS POLICE FOR APPREHENDING COP KILLERS**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has commended the police for apprehending two suspects wanted for the murder of a police officer, Sergeant Siboniso Nkabinde.

Nkabinde was shot on Monday (17 October 2011) on the N11 at Driefontein outside Ladysmith.

The police acted after receiving a tip off on the whereabouts of the wanted suspects. According to the reports, Nkabinde's car ran out of petrol and the two suspects stopped and offered to help.

After helping him they demanded payment. Nkabinde told them he had no money. One of the suspects then opened fire and fatally shot him in the chest.

Mchunu described the incident as cruel:

**“Killing of police members is unacceptable! Whether on duty or off duty, police officers must be protected by us members of the community. These are people tasked with ensuring the safety of the citizens and we can't be folding arms when it seems clear that they are under attack. The killing of police members is indeed a threat to national security. In August we held a summit against police killings and the resolution was taken to campaign for harsher sentences against police killers. I would like to urge the community to continue to work with police in reporting crime and criminal activities. In all cases where police are making breakthroughs it is because of cooperation by members of the community. I would like to send my condolences to the Nkabinde family”, said Mchunu.**

The two have appeared briefly at the Ladysmith magistrate court today (19 October 2011) on charges of murder and robbery.

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