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MCHUNU ANGERED BY POLICE KILLING IN KZN

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu is angered by the killing of yet another police officer, Warrant Officer Thokozani Ngcobo (45).

It is alleged that Ngcobo had just arrived at his Second Avenue, Limit Hill home in Ladysmith when he was attacked by unknown gunmen.

The suspects opened fire on Ngcobo's vehicle before fleeing the scene.

A neighbour rushed the seriously injured policeman to a local hospital where he was declared dead as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

"This is enough. I am really angered by such actions of ruthless killings of our police men and women. I urge the community to work with the police in finding the perpetrators. The killing of Ngcobo happened as we are preparing to convene a Provincial summit on police killing to be held next week. We hope to find ways of curbing such acts. I would like to send my condolences to the Ngcobo family. I would also like to send my condolences to the Shandu family after losing their daughter, Constable Zanele Shandu who was shot this week in the uMlazi area. Something needs to be done," said Mchunu.

At this stage the motive for the killing is unknown and members of the Organised Crime Unit are investigating the murder.

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