



MEDIA UPDATE

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : 07 October 2011
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

MEC MCHUNU APPLAUDS PARENTS AS THEY TURN IN SUSPECTS

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has commended the parents of three of the 14 boys who allegedly raped a 24 year old female in Matimatolo for turning them in.

It is alleged that the rape that took place on the 2nd October 2011 at about 19h00 when the victim encountered a group of men. They took her to a secluded place where they took turns raping her. She was able to name a few of the suspects; the police went to their homes and searched for them without any luck but yesterday (6 October 2011) the parents of three of the 14 boys turned them in at the police station.

Commenting on the tragedy MEC Mchunu said, **“I want to commend these parents for their brave stance against crime. They are a good example. This confirms our long standing view that criminals are hiding within our families, our streets and communities. If all parents were to do the same we would definitely defeat crime and criminals. It is for this reason we are decentralizing our department (Community Safety and Liaison) to be district based so we are able to work closely with our communities and individual families. This exercise will see us strengthening our campaigns for community mobilization and activism against crime. It is unfortunate that we still have men that need to prove something by preying on females and abusing them sexually. Males need to know that women are there to be protected not to be abused in any form. I appeal to all males to treat women with all respect. I would like to appeal to other communities to work with the police in fighting crime”**.

The three suspects are expected to appear at the Greytown Magistrate court on Monday 10 October 2011.

Ends

MEDIA CONTACT: Kwanele Ncalane on 072 803 1462 or 0796995155