

## **MEDIA UPDATE**

TO : ALL MEDIA

DATE : 11 October 20111

ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

## MEC MCHUNU SHOCKED TO HEAR THE DEATH OF SOSOBALA'S DAUGHTER AND SON- IN-LAW

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has learnt with great shock of the death of Sphiwe Mabizela (son-in-law) and Ntombi Mbatha-Mabizela who is the daughter of the late well known traditional healer Sosobala.

Preliminary reports have revealed that on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 at about 19h00, Ntombi shot and killed her husband Sphiwe at the Dundee Oval Sports ground before turning the gun on herself. The motive of the killing is still unknown at this stage. A case of Murder and an inquest has been opened pending investigation.

Commenting on the tragedy MEC Mchunu said, "I wish to send my condolences to the Mabizela and the Mbatha families for their loss. It is indeed sad for people to lose their valuable lives in this manner. It is on this score that we encourage people to seek professional or family assistance when overwhelmed with any form of problems. Killing yourself and others is never a solution but things need to be resolved amicably to avoid blood shed.

Ends

MEDIA CONTACT: Kwanele Ncalane on 072 803 1462 or 0796995155