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**MEC MCHUNU CONDEMNS THE SHOOTING OF THE NFP CANDIDATE IN KWANYAVU NEAR PIETERMARITZBURG**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu strongly condemns the shooting and killing of the National Freedom Party candidate on Tuesday (12/04/2011) night at his homestead in KwaNyavu near Pietermaritzburg.

Preliminary reports reveal that Elias Dube (53) was the party's candidate in the up and coming local government elections. It is alleged that the unidentified suspects wearing balaclavas stormed into Dube's home at night, and opened fire on him. He sustained three gunshot wounds and he was killed on the spot. The case of murder is opened and is being investigated by the members of the Provincial political task team.

**"I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family members and friends of the deceased. This is truly an unacceptable behavior and it will not be tolerated. The Department has been holding multi political party forums to address such these issues. This is a warning to the suspects that the police will work tirelessly to make sure that they are brought to book. I would also like to appeal to all the political party leaders to make sure that they preach peace, stability and calmness to their members to avoid such deaths",** said Mchunu.

**ENDS**

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