



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **MCHUNU COMMENDS POLICE FOR APPREHENDING SUSPECT**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has commended the police officers from the Provincial Dog Unit for successfully apprehending a suspect in Umlazi F section. The suspect was arrested just after robbing a local resident.

It is alleged that the suspect was shot dead by the police minutes after mugging a resident in Umlazi F section. A bystander, Mr. Mfaniseni Duma, ran to the rescue of the victim. The suspect then shot and killed Duma while he was trying to help the victim and then fled the scene. Police went after the suspect and found him at the W section in Umlazi where a cross fire with the police ended in the suspect being killed.

Mchunu said: "We commend the good work by police who acted quickly to attend the scene to apprehend the suspect. It was unfortunate that Mfaniseni Duma had to lose his life while trying to help a neighbor because we encourage partnership between the community and the police. I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Duma for their loss."

The police recovered the 9mm murder weapon that was used to kill Mr. Duma. Three cases have been opened of murder, robbery and a police inquest.

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