



MEDIA ALERT

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : 30 August 2011
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

MCHUNU TO LEAD PICKETERS AT KOKSTAD MAGISTRATE COURT

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu will lead a group of picketers on the 1st September 2011 at the Kokstad Magistrate court to oppose the bail application for Mr Themba Mazibuko. Mazibuko is the driver of the taxi that killed 12 people including a 3 year old three earlier this month between Swartling and Franklin outside Kokstad.

MEC Mchunu is expected to be accompanied by the relatives of the bereaved families, the Greater Kokstad and Franklin communities, interfaith leaders, councilors from Kokstad and Sisonke District, Community Road Safety Councils and Social Crime Volunteers.

He is currently facing 10 counts of murder. It is for the first time in the history of this province that a driver is charged with murder after a car accident.

“This picket aims to oppose the bail application and to mobilize communities to be active against Road carnages and Transgressions. It is high time we mobilize communities to stand together against murderers on our roads. Our view is that all accidents are caused by people and are avoidable. This case will send a strong message to all road offenders. We are hoping that through aggressive laws we can change the mindset of motorists to begin to respect the laws of the road,” said Mchunu.

Details of the picket

Date: 1 September 2011

Time: 08h30

Venue: Kokstad Magistrate Court

Media is welcome to attend

Ends

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