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## **MEDIA ALERT**

TO : ALL MEDIA

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ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

## MCHUNU CONDEMNS THE LATEST KILLING IN KWAMASHU.

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu condemns the on-going political related killings linked to the violence in KwaMashu hostel.

Today (15 October 2012) Mr Siya Dlamini (29), believed to be IFP supporter was killed outside the Ntuzuma regional court.

It is alleged that there was a confrontation between IFP and NFP supporter outside the court.

They were all attending the first appearance of four suspects who are arrested in connection with violence erupted in the hostel last weekend.

The four suspects including NFP leader in KwaMashu, Bhengu Gwala appeared briefly and their case was reminded for Wednesday.

According to the police report, a man opened fire killing during this confrontation.

He was arrested immediately after the incident took place and is soon going to appear in court soon, facing the case of murder and attempted murder.

Since the news of the abduction and killing of IFP councilor, Themba Xulu there has been incidents of violence and intimidation reported in KwaMashu.

Xulu was found death last week in Veralum and he was buried yesterday in Mthunzini.

Police are deployed in the area to ensure stability.

Mchunu appealed to calm and encourage members of political parties to exercise maturity when dealing with differences.

"We condemn the on-going killings of people in the area of KwaMashu. It is now getting to it ugly levels and something must be done to end these killings. I have confidence that police will do their best to resolve these cases. I appeal to political parties to teach their members the importance of discipline and respect for the rule of law. Dialogue is the only solution to problems, violence only worsens the situation," said Mchunu

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