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MCHUNU COMMENTS ON THE IMPISONMENT OF DURBAN BUSINESSMAN SIFISO ZULU AFTER CONVICTED OF CULPABLE HOMICIDE

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has welcomed the decision by Durban's businessman, Sifiso Zulu to surrender to Correctional Service center in Westville to begin his sentence.

Zulu was found guilty on two counts of culpable homicide following an accident in 2008 where two members of the Soul Harbour Ministry, Nonjabulo Ncube and Hlengiwe Dlamini were killed.

Ten others were left injured. Zulu is also convicted of failing to stop at the red traffic light while driving his BMW X5 and was convicted for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was sentenced to three years and his driver's license has been confiscated.

After a long legal battle between Zulu's lawyers and the state, the Pietermaritzburg High court last week overturned his application for a leave to appeal his three year sentence.

These developments comes at a time when the Department of Transport in KwaZulu-Natal is embarking on a campaign to have drivers responsible for killing people on the road be dealt with harshly by the justice system.

Mchunu is also optimistic that this case will serve as an important lesson to all motorists, thus urging them to respect the rule of law.

"We welcome Zulu's imprisonment. This is clear evidence that our courts are now taking seriously cases relating to transgressions of the road regulations. One can only hope that the finalization of this long dragging case will bring closure to families of the victims. We hope this case will be a lesson to all motorists to respect the rule of law. As the Department of Transport, we will continue to advocate for harsher sentences to be giving to those responsible for killing people on the road," said Mchunu.

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