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## **MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **HIT AND RUN SUSPECT WHO ALLEGEDLY KNOCKED AND KILLED TRAFFIC OFFICER ARRESTED**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr Willies Mchunu welcomes a police breakthrough in a hit and run incident which claimed the life of the Road Traffic Inspectorate (TRI) officer.

A 24 year old suspect was arrested over the weekend at KwaLanga in Capetown where he was hiding.

Police have indicated that they are busy making arrangements for him to come back to KwaZulu-Natal where he is expected to appear in court and be charged with culpable homicide and reckless driving. Additional charges are also imminent.

The suspect fled the scene on the 22 September 2013 on the N2 in Durban.

It is alleged that Thuli Nhlengetlwa, 35, an RTI officer from Pinetown, was conducting a speed timing exercise on the N2 spaghetti junction with her team, when she attempted to stop a silver Audi which did not have number plates on display.

The Audi was travelling at 141km when the driver knocked her over and fled the scene.

The other officers on scene pursued and chased the driver of the vehicle who stopped the car and fled on foot leaving a passenger inside.

It was discovered that the vehicle was stolen from Roodepoort in the Gauteng Province.

Commenting in the wake of this arrest, MEC Mchunu said this is an indication that the long arm of the law is effective no matter where criminals are hiding.

"I wish to applaud police for their tireless effort in hunting for the suspect. This breakthrough is very important and will send a strong message to all motorists that any criminal acts won't be tolerated."

"Without zooming in on the merits of this case, we would want to see a harsher sentence imposed on the suspect. This is not only because he allegedly killed one of our own, but due to the failure to take responsibility of his action."

"I hope his arrest will assist the Nhlengethwa family to find closure," said Mchunu.

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