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MEC MCHUNU CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM MEMBER IN HIBBERDENE.

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has expressed anger and disappointment at the murder of a member of Hibberdene Community Policing Forum, saying this was a serious set-back in the battle against crime.

Sandile Gumede (23) was shot and killed when he and his two colleagues went looking for a suspect at the local tavern. They were apparently confronted by an armed suspect who opened fire on them, killing Gumede and leaving two of his colleagues seriously injured.

MEC Mchunu said he was shocked by the news of the killing of Gumede, condemning his killing as a totally abhorrent act of barbarism against the loyal community worker.

“Members of Community Policing Forums are self-less people who volunteer their time to serve the community and to contribute towards a fight against crime. These should be the most valued members of the public.

“But unfortunately they are now being targeted by the rogue and criminal elements who want to impose themselves on the communities,” said Mchunu.

MEC Mchunu also extended his heartfelt condolences to the family members of Gumede and his colleagues in the CPF.

“I am, however, convinced that the police will soon catch up with those responsible for killing Gumede. Those responsible will certainly face the full might of the law,” said Mchunu.

Cases of murder and attempted murder have been registered and are being investigated by the police

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