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MEDIA ALERT

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JOINT STATEMENT BY MEC FOR TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LIAISON AND MEC FOR COGTA ON THE ALLEGED SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING MAYOR'S PROTECTOR

KZN MEC's for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu and MEC for Cogta, Nomusa Dube have both welcomed the decision by uMgungundlovu District municipality to suspend the Mayor's protector alleged to be implicated in a shooting incident on the N3.

The Mayor's protector allegedly fired shots at a motorist on the N3 near Westville last week.

He handed himself over to the Pinetown police today (October 14, 2013).

The driver in question was escorting uMgungundlovu District Mayor, Councillor Yusuf Bhamjee, when he allegedly engaged in this unbecoming behaviour while driving a white Corolla.

It is further alleged that the driver of the Mayor's protection vehicle pulled over into the emergency lane, where the bodyguard got out and allegedly fired several shots.

The alleged protector is now facing a charge of attempted murder and has since been suspended pending an investigation.

Welcoming the decision MEC Dube said:

"Without getting in the merits of this case, we want to commend the municipality for their swift reaction in responding to this incident and setting the record straight about the behaviour and conduct expected of all government officials. Indeed the law must be allowed to take its course without fear or favour. We have already issued a circular to all municipalities to comply with all regulation and how to conduct themselves in transporting their political principals. We expect everyone to adhere to the content of the circular," said Dube.

MEC Mchunu emphasised the important of tolerance and respect for rights of other road users.

“We have laid out strict and clear conditions on how the officers who are on duties with their principals should conduct themselves and give due respect to fellow motorists.

“Without pre-judging this matter, we wish to reiterate our call that officers on duties should always carry themselves with dignity, have a due regard for other motorists,” said Mchunu

He also commended the municipality for threatening this matter with the urgency it deserves.

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