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MEC MCHUNU APPALLED AT PETROL-BOMBING OF FOUR RICHMOND HOUSESHOLDS

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has extremely condemned the attack of four houses with petrol bombs in Richmond, outside Pietermaritzburg.

Yesterday (02 October 2013), Mchunu visited all four petrol-bombed homes, including the home of the Municipal Speaker, Mr Thulani Shabalala. The tractor belonging to his family, Ward 7, Cllr Douglas Kunene, was also attacked.

On Monday night at around 24h00, the alleged suspects arrived at Mr Kunene's home and threw a petrol bomb through the window and that portion of the house was burnt. At 24h15, the alleged suspects were at Mr Shabalala's home, where his car was slightly burnt. At around 01h30, the

community member received a call alerting him that his rondavel was burning.

Mchunu expressed concerns at the latest developments of violence in the town of Richmond.

"If people are not happy with the service delivery, we have channels that are normally followed where people voice out their concerns. Yes, we respect people's actions of being on the road, but we are against criminal actions. Public representatives should be respected as they were democratically elected to their positions. Most of the time when we are approaching elections, we face such incidents in that way we are convinced that these incidents are politically- related," said Mchunu.

"What I know is that we have done almost everything to bring peace and stability in this area. However, we need to scrutinize what we have left undone to prevent violence. I wish to send my heartfelt apologies to all victims of this incident but we are grateful that we didn't lose any being. Police are busy investigating and we are sure that soon perpetrators will be arrested". said Mchunu.

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