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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **MEC MCHUNU APPLAUDS THE SENTENCING OF WELBEDATCHT MURDERER.**

KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has welcomed the handing down of a 20-year jail sentence against the man responsible for killing a 31 -year old man from Welbedacht, West of Durban, saying this sends a strong message to criminals that they will always face the full might of the law.

The Durban Regional Court sentenced Sbonele Cele (30) to 20-years in jail for murdering a Welbedacht resident.

Two years back, Chatsworth police responded to a call out in Welbedacht Road in Welbedacht East where a 31 -year-old man was found dead with multiple stab wounds to his body. After thorough investigation of the case, six months later Sbonele Cele aged 30 was arrested. The investigating officer successfully opposed the release of the accused on bail and the sterling investigation secured his conviction on 29 August 2013 for murder in the Durban Regional Court, which sentenced him to 20 years imprisonment.

MEC Mchunu welcomed the heavy sentence given to Cele.

**“Firstly we commend the excellent work done by the police for bringing Cele to book and professionally conducting the case against him. As the Government, we have always said that no stone would be left unturned by police to find criminals and bringing them to the court to face the music for their evil deeds.”**

**“Indeed, the sentence sends a clear message to criminals that the long arm of law will always catch up with them wherever they are.”**

**“The government is currently working closely with the communities and police to build a united front against crime.”**

**“The community crime fighting structures are playing a huge role to curb crime in our communities. I thank the community for sharing the information with the police which made this a success,”** said Mchunu.

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