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MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES POLICE BREAK-THROUGH IN THE MATTER OF MURDERED ULUNDI COUNCILLOR

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu, has welcomed the arrest of a suspect in connection with the murder of Ulundi councillor, Ms Phumelele Buthelezi, who was killed in Mahlabathini early this week.

After a meticulous investigation, yesterday (November 7, 2013), police arrested a suspect who has been formally charged with murder.

He was found in a possession of a 9 mm firearm, which is suspected to have been used in the murder.

It will be sent for ballistic tests to ascertain if it was used in the commission of any other crime in the country.

The suspect will appear in the Mahlabathini Magistrates' Court, today, (November 8, 2013)

On Monday, (November 4, 2013), the body of Ms Phumelele Doris Buthelezi was found with a gunshot wound on a gravel road at Stetema Reserve. Ms Buthelezi was an NFP councillor in Ulundi.

MEC Mchunu today welcomed the arrest of the suspect, further thanking police for a sterling work in arresting the suspect.

“I commend the good work done by the police in apprehending the alleged suspects. This is a clear indication that our police are doing their work with dedication. I urge and cajole all of us, including political parties, to work with the police and other law enforcement agencies to isolate all criminals in our communities. Let those who have made it their work to commit criminal activities in the province be warned that they cannot escape the long arm of law and justice. I thank the community for coming forward with the information which led to the arrest. This spirit, of working in partnership between the police and the community, must be strengthened as it is bound to produce good results in the war against crime and criminals,” said Mchunu.

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