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MEC MCHUNU SPEAKS OUT ON THE NTUZUMA SHOOTING

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has condemned the shooting that took place between two security guard companies from Ntuzuma and Pisang taxi association at Ntuzuma New Road today at 8:00am.

Reports reveal that five people were wounded when two security guards from two taxi associations, namely Pisang and Ntuzuma Taxi Association's, allegedly opened fire. Two security guards were wounded and two people, who were in a taxi, were also wounded and taken to hospital for treatment. A woman who was at her house was shot by a stray bullet and wounded. She was also taken to hospital for treatment.

The motive of shooting is unknown at this stage. About 20 cartridges of R5 rifles were found on the scene. Fourteen firearms were confiscated from both security companies and have been taken in for ballistic testing. Five cases of attempted murder are being investigated. No arrest has been made yet.

MEC Mchunu has expressed great concerns at these shootings. **"This is a serious concern, because public transport industry is engulfed with these security companies and many reports have revealed that every time there is a shooting in the taxi industry they are involved one way or another. This is very disturbing because innocent people are harmed in the process. SAPS have been deployed in the area to ensure stability. A team has been deployed in the area to resolve the issue"** said Mchunu.

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