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MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES FIELDS HILL DRIVER'S BAIL DENIAL

MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has welcomed the decision made by the Pinetown Magistrate Court of denying the bail application by Sanele May, the truck driver involved in the M13 truck accident that claimed 24 lives.

May appeared in the Pinetown Magistrate court today (22 October 2013) as part of his bail application and is currently facing 24 charges of murder. He is the driver of the Sagekal Logistics truck that crashed into minibus taxis and a light vehicle on 5 September 2013.

Mchunu's reaction comes after his continuous call for the judiciary to act and sanction harsh sentences against road transgressors, particularly those whose reckless behaviour has led to the loss of lives.

"We welcome the court's decision to deny the accused bail on the 24 charges of murder levelled against him. We are adamant that in this case and others, a stern example should be set to those who disobey traffic rules. Harsher sentences will rid our society of the undesirable sense of impunity among errant road users. I urge all road users to be vigilant at all times to avoid unnecessary accidents," he said.

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