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MEC MCHUNU SHOCKED AT KILLING OF KWAMSANE CHAIRPERSON

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has received with shock the news of the death of KwaMsane Taxi association Chairperson, Mr Thulani Sibiya who was killed yesterday (30 November 2015), in Mtubatuba.

It is alleged that Sibiya was at his home in KwaMsane fixing his car when unknown assailants opened fire and fatally wounded him, he had multiple gunfire wounds. The suspects then fled the scene.

At this stage the motive of the killing is still unknown and no arrests have been made.

Commenting on the incident, Mchunu said this was a clear indication that the suspects had one goal in mind, which was to leave Sibiya for dead.

"It is quite disturbing to hear that Sibiya was killed at his home in a volley of bullets. This shows that the killers had one goal, which was to end Sibiya's life. At this stage, the motive of the killing is not clear, because there are no known tensions in the area, and also nothing was reported stolen. We have dispatched a team to investigate this matter and to find clarity as to the motive of this killing. We cannot at this stage link this act to any taxi feuds until we have investigated properly. I would like to send my deepest condolences to the Sibiya family," said Mchunu.

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