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MEC MCHUNU SADDENED BY UNFORTUNATE, FATAL SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING AN RTI OFFICER

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has received with great sadness the unfortunate fatal shooting incident involving a Road Traffic Inspectorate's officer, which left a man alleged to be his gardener dead. Both incidents happened yesterday (2 June 2015).

Initial reports indicate that the officer shot the man, reported to be his gardener, twice, after the latter attacked him with a bush knife, from which he sustained a gaping wound on the back of his (officer's) head.

The officer is currently hospitalized and the police are investigating the matter.

"This unfortunate incident of violence as with others, is of serious concern to me, the government, and as it generally should be for the rest of society. It is regrettable it had to end with the loss of life. The matter is with the SAPS now, and we will therefore await their investigation."

"I note as well reports that the officer acted in self-defense and then alerted the police to report the incident to his RTI supervisor and to the SAPS. His service pistol was removed from him and taken in for ballistic testing. As a nation, we must now reach the time when we do realize that violence begets violence, it cannot be a solution," said Mchunu.

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