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MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES THE ARREST OF A POLICE OFFICER IN AN ALLEGED TAXI SHOOTING IN BERGVILLE

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Willies Mchunu has commended the police for the swift arrest of three suspects, including a police man for an alleged taxi shooting in Bergville.

Police report reveals that three assailants drove up in a Toyota Corolla in Bergville and opened fire on occupants who were travelling in a bakkie this morning.

It is alleged that two men were shot and killed whilst a woman sustained serious injuries. Though the cause of the shooting is still being investigated it is believed that the two men who died were taxi operators in the area.

Three fire arms, including a R5 rifle and a 9mm pistol, as well as ammunition were seized. The three suspects face charges of murder, attempted murder as well as being in possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition. The suspects, including one who is believed to be a member of SAPS based in Gauteng, are expected to appear in the Bergville Magistrate Court this week.

Commenting on the incident, MEC Mchunu expressed his disappointment that a police officer, who is supposed to protect citizens is linked to such a callous murder.

"We commend the good work and the swift reaction by the police. The proactive nature of the police in our province is helping in apprehending all those who are behind taxi violence in the province. We are however disturbed that one of the suspects is a police officer, who is based in Gauteng. We expect police officers to lead in upholding the rule of law, therefore we will monitor developments in this case and ensure that necessary steps are taken against the suspected police. We further call on all police in the province to maintain integrity and loyalty to the citizens and the constitution in the execution of their work," said Mchunu.

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