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## MEDIA LIAISON AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

#### MEDIA STATEMENT

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### MEC WILLIES MCHUNU SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF THULANI MASHABA, UTHUNGULU DISTRICT'S DEPUTY MAYOR

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has expressed his deep sadness over the untimely passing of UThungulu Deputy Mayor and ANC Musa Dladla Regional Chairperson, Cllr. Thulani Mashaba, in a car accident on the N2 near Ballito last night.

According to the preliminary reports, Mashaba's driver lost control of the BMW X5 vehicle and the car overturned while travelling on the N2, near Ballito, at around 22h00 last night. Mashaba lost his life on the scene while his driver and protector sustained critical injuries and are hospitalised.

"We would like to send our deepest condolences to Comrade Mashaba's family, friends, the African National Congress in the region and as a whole, the people of UThungulu District Municipality, and South Africa."

"We are devastated at the loss of Comrade Mashaba, a young and energetic leader with immense potential. As a nation, we are poorer without him."

"Our law enforcement teams are working on the investigation of the circumstances around the accident. It is clear that the scourge of road accidents calls on all of us to redouble our efforts as individuals and collectively to save lives," said Mchunu.

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