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MEC KAUNDA CONDEMNS FATAL SHOOTING OF BUS DRIVER IN MAQONQO

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda, has condemned the shooting of Mr. Lindelani Gwala, a bus driver for Thembekile Bus Transport, in Maqonqo outside Pietermaritzburg yesterday (15 August 2016) evening.

The shooting by an unknown assailant, is reported to have occurred while Mr. Gwala was transporting passengers. He died on the scene, while the bus continued in motion until it came to a standstill. He was the only person shot at in the bus. A case of murder was opened and the police are still investigating.

MEC Kaunda condemned the killing of Mr. Gwala as barbaric and unfortunate.

"We strongly condemn this barbaric act, and have called on the police to move swiftly with the investigation to ensure that they arrest the heartless killer. The killer must be caught to face the might of the law so we get to the bottom of what led them to commit such a crime, and therefore take sufficient measures to prevent similar occurrences in future. We take a firm stance against crime generally, but we are even more sensitive to killings that bedevil our province, giving it a bad name. As a society, it is critical that we rid ourselves of all these killings. On behalf of the provincial government, we wish to send our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Gwala, who lost his life in the unfortunate circumstance," said Kaunda.

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