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MEC KAUNDA CONDEMNS KILLING OF ON-DUTY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE AND HIJACKING OF TRAFFIC OFFICERS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Mr. Mxolisi Kaunda has condemned the killing of the Department of Transport employee while he was on duty in Mahlabathini near Ulundi on Tuesday.

Muntuwenkosi Shange, was a Field Support Officer in Mahlabathini, responsible for road maintenance. It is alleged that Shange had gone on a site visit to check on a grader when he was shot at by unknown men. The suspects fled the scene with the Department's vehicle. Shange succumbed to gun-shot wounds at A-Section clinic in Ulundi.

Kaunda has expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family of Shange and urged the police to work around the clock and bring suspects responsible for this gruesome murder to book.

"It is unacceptable that criminals rob us of our hard working and dedicated public servants. The attack of civil servants in the line of duty is unfortunate and must be condemned in the strongest possible terms as it hampers service delivery," said Kaunda.

In the same area, two female traffic officers were hijacked while conducting an operation on R34 in Emakhosini. The suspects also fled with the service firearm of one of the officers.

Kaunda has urged members of the public who may have witnessed both incidents to provide the police with information. He also called upon the staff members, particularly those who are always on the field to be vigilant of criminals especially as we are approaching the festive season. "I have asked the police to intensify visibility in this area as it appears to be a hot spot," said Kaunda.

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