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#### **MEC KAUNDA COMMENDS POLICE FOR APPREHENDING SUSPECT IN PHOENIX TRIPLE MURDER**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mxolisi Kaunda has commended the police for acting swiftly in arresting a suspect implicated in the murder of three women who were brutally murdered in Phoenix on Friday.

Kaunda who expressed his deepest condolences on behalf of the provincial government said that although three innocent lives have been lost unnecessarily, at least members of the Govender family will find comfort in the fact that a suspect has been apprehended.

"We have full confidence in the police that they will conduct a thorough investigation on the matter and ensure that those who are implicated face the full might of the law," said Kaunda.

Since the incident was reported to the police on Friday, they worked tirelessly around the clock tracing the alleged killer. Their hard work paid off when they arrested a 45-year-old man who is known to the family on the same day.

The suspect will be charged with three counts of murder and will appear in the Verulam Magistrates Court on Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

On Friday, Phoenix police responded to a report of murder at Longcroft Drive in Phoenix. On their arrival they found two bodies inside the house. They were identified as Jane Govender (44) and her daughter Rackelle (16).

While police were still busy with their investigation combing the scene, they found the third body in a cupboard. She was identified as the second daughter, Denisha (22).

Kaunda has also thanked members of the community who provided information to the police about the incident. "It is for this reason that as government, we will continue to urge community members to be part of community crime fighting structures so that we can defeat crime. Fighting crime is a collective responsibility," said Kaunda.

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