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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **ACTING MEC THUSI CONDEMNS KILLING OF DOLPHIN COAST TAXI OPERATOR**

The Acting KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms. Weziwe Thusi, has strongly condemned the killing of Dolphin Coast Taxi Association's Chairperson, Mr. Dicky Govender, along with his wife Saroj, both who were gunned down at the weekend.

MEC Thusi, who is acting for MEC Mxolisi Kaunda, said after receiving reports from the past weekend, the killings occurred road R102 from Shakaskraal towards oThongathi, when an unknown vehicle sped up to the couple's vehicle and opened fire while they were driving. The driver lost control and went off the road, and came to a stop in a sugar cane plantation.

The police are still investigating the killings, and have confirmed that the matter would be investigated by the Provincial Taxi Violence Task Team.

"We are very dismayed by the way in which the some people have lost respect and value for another person's life in their zeal to kill and cause untold pain and suffering to family, relatives and friends of the victims. The murder of Mr. Govender and his wife has all the traces of being premeditated, meaning the assailants were following them and knew where they would be. Whilst, we do not yet know the motive for the killing; we must condemn it strongly. It follows the killing last year of then Chairperson of the taxi association, Mr. Raymond Stephens. We further wish to appeal to all stakeholders in the industry to work towards finding amicable solutions to whatever points of conflict they may be confronted with," said Thusi.

"On behalf of government, I wish to send our deepest condolences to the Govender family in the time of grief, and urge the police to work with speed to apprehend the suspects," she added.

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