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MEC NKONYENI EXPRESSES OPTIMISM AS THE DOUBLE MURDER CASE OF RTI OFFICERS IS NOW TAKEN OVER BY THE HAWKS

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Ms Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, is optimistic with a breakthrough in the double murder case of two traffic police officers as the matter is now handled by the special investigating task team.

The two members of the Road Traffic Inspectorate (RTI) were doing their routine work yesterday afternoon when they were ambushed and killed by unknown attackers. The suspects are believed to have used handguns.

The case is now assigned to the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation and members are already on the ground with forensic teams to speed up the investigation.

This morning MEC Nkonyeni assigned a team led by the Head of Department, Mr Siboniso Mbhele, who was accompanied by managers in the law enforcement fraternity.

HoD Mbhele has a meeting with the management of the police in Mtubatuba and was briefed on the investigation.

"We remain convinced that the arrival of the Hawks to take over the case will assist in finding these perpetrators. This is brazen criminality, and we find it unacceptable that our members were killed in the line of duty. These criminals deserve nothing but be sent to jail. Traffic officers are an important part of our society as they serve to protect communities against lawlessness and irresponsible drivers, who are killing our people every day on the road. We called on all law enforcement officers to be extra – vigilant and to defend themselves. We also appeal to everyone with the information to share with the police," said Mbhele.

Mbhele also proceeded to engage with the RTI staff members who are based in Mtubatuba. The visibly shocked and frustrated staff members, vowed to remember their colleagues by redoubling their efforts and promoting the maximum adherence of law.

MEC Nkonyeni is prioritizing the fight against crime and has called on all members of the society to participate in the against police killings in the province.

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