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MEC HLOMUKA WELCOMES SENTENCING OF MOTORIST WHO KILLED SIX FAMILY MEMBERS OF TRANSPORT MINISTER SINDISIWE CHIKUNGA

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Sipho Hlomuka has welcomed the 10-year sentence handed down to a driver who was responsible for an accident that killed six family members of the Minister of Transport, Sindisiwe Chikunga.

Celumusa Ngwenya, 35 was speeding when he overtook on a double barrier line around a bend, which resulted in a crash which killed Minister Chikunga son, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren on the 17th of July in 2022 at the Ladysmith N11 Model Kloof.

Ngwenya, pleaded guilty to six counts of culpable homicide and was sentenced yesterday to 10-years in prison and had his driver's licence cancelled under Section 34 of the National Road Traffic Act (NRTA) 93/96 by the Ladysmith Regional Court.

MEC Hlomuka said he hoped that such sentences would serve as a deterrence to motorists who don't obey road rules.

"We wish to commend the court's decision to hold this motorist accountable for his actions. We also hope that this serves as a lesson not only to him but to other motorists who continue to drive recklessly on our roads," said Hlomuka.

"We encourage the courts to continue in this vein by passing sentences such as this to errant motorists and road users. One life lost is one too many," Hlomuka concluded.

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