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MEDIA ALERT

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MCHUNU WELCOMES COURT DECISION TO SENTENCE SIFISO KHUMALO FOR KILLING TWO ANC LEADERS IN OSHABENI

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu has welcomed the court decision to sentence Sifiso Khumalo for 22 years for the murder of two ANC leaders on the South Coast.

Earlier this week Khumalo pleaded guilty to the murders of the two ANC leaders.

It emerged that Khumalo, who is an ANC youth league leader, was one of the contenders for the ward councillor nomination. Dumisani Malunga, ANC branch chair person and Bheki Chiliza, branch secretary were ambushed on their way from an ANC meeting.

The other suspect linked to this murder will appear tomorrow (19 September 2012) in the Port Shepstone magistrate court.

Commenting on the judgement Mchunu applauded the good work by the police. **"We welcome the decision to sentence Sifiso Khumalo for murdering the two ANC leaders. I salute the police who moved swiftly to apprehend those responsible in this case. This is a classic example that our police are determined to deal decisively with cases of political killing in KwaZulu Natal. Political killings have no space in our society and we urge political parties to come out strong and condemn such acts,"** said Mchunu.

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