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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC MCHUNU HAS CONDEMN THE MURDER OF IXOPO FARM AND WELCOME THE SWIFT ARREST OF SUSPECT**

THE KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has condemned with strongest possible terms the killing of a farmer in Ixopo, and also welcomes the swift arrest made by law enforcement personnel's of six suspects.

Yesterday, 7 February 2016 at about 04:00, the Ixopo police were called to a scene where a farmer, Anton Phillip Verwey (67) was brutally murdered. It is suspected that the victim's body was found lying on his chest with two open wounds on his abdomen when police arrived at the scene.

Through the intensive investigation by the members of the Ixopo detectives, Kokstad K9 unit and Magma Security, six suspects aged between 14 and 24 were apprehended.

They were found in possession of the victims two bicycles, Plasma TV, computer, laptop, cellphones and other belongings. Charges of murder and house robbery are being investigated by Ixopo SAPS. They will appear in the Ixopo Magistrates' Court soon

Today, 08 March 2016, Mchunu has condemn this barbaric killing by these criminals and also commended the work that has been done by law enforcement personnel's to make sure that this senseless people face the full might of the law.

**“We strongly condemn this killing of an old person by inhumane people who continue to kill our farmers in the province also commending the work well done by our law enforcers.**

**“Our message to the people of KZN is that we will do anything within the precinct of the law to remove criminals in our society”.** Said Mchunu.

Mchunu also sent his heartfelt condolences to the family of Verwey.

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