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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES THE MASSIVE RECOVERY OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS BY POLICE**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has noted with appreciation the recovery of 33 firearms and 128 rounds of ammunition by police, saying this will go a long way in removing these key drivers of crime from our communities.

The police operations, which lasted for one week, managed to recover 33 firearms and 128 rounds of ammunition. All operations were carried out from 28 February 2016 to 05 March 2016 at all KwaZulu-Natal police clusters.

Firearms recovered include, four Rifles, one homemade gun, 28 Pistols/ Revolvers and 128 live rounds of ammunition. A total of 35 suspects were arrested and charged for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunitions. They appeared at various magistrate courts in the province for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition.

Mchunu described this as the “work well done” and urged communities to work with the police to ensure that all these weapons of mass-murder were removed from our communities.

**“We are convinced that this recovery will go a long way towards reducing a number of illegal firearms in circulation in our society. There is no doubt that these weapons are key drivers of crimes such as armed robbery and murder. Let us all work with the police to ensure that all illegal firearms were removed from our communities,”** said Mchunu.

He urged all those in possession of illegal firearms to hand them to the police or face the full might of the law.

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