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## **KZN MEC FOR EDUCATION, MR KWAZI MSHENGU CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF A LEARNER**

The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Kwazi Mshengu has received with great shock the news of the killing of a male Grade 12 Learner from MandlakaZulu High School in Imbali Township in Pietermaritzburg.

According to his family, the Learner met his demise in the early hours of Friday morning, 21 January 2022, the date of the official Release of the 2021 Matric Results.

This happened, when he and his Matric classmates had been waiting for the delivery of the newspapers at a local shop located at a fuel station (garage) around 01:00 in the morning.

While the learners were still waiting to buy the newspaper to gain access to their Matric results, it is alleged that suddenly five random men approached the unsuspecting learner and immediately demanded a cellphone from the learner (now deceased), upon refusing to surrender his gadget to unknown men, they opened fire, killing him instantly and thus fleeing the scene in an unidentified car.

"We are shocked by what has happened to one of our Matric Learners. We condemn it in the strongest possible terms. The Learner had worked very hard for the last 12 years to finally obtain his National Senior Certificate, but all that has now been erased by his selfish killers who in our view are cowards. They have taken the young man's life away and left his family and friends with many unanswered questions. We call upon the law enforcement agencies to make every possible effort to apprehend the perpetrators"- MEC Mshengu.

We send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. May God bless his soul in peace.

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