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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

CRIME ROBBS KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY OF ITS CRIME PREVENTION SUPERINTENDENT

This morning, 4th November 2024, KwaDukuza Municipality lost one of its Superintendents in the Crime Prevention Unit. Superintendent Desmond Arumugam led his Crime Prevention team to mount a roadblock on the link road between the N2 and R102. As he approached a kombi that had stopped in a suspicious way on the link road, he was unaware that there was a robbery in progress inside the kombi. The armed suspect then fired several shots at him. He, sadly, succumbed to the gunshot wounds at the scene.

Councillor Collen Mdletshe, Chairperson of the Community Service and Community Safety Portfolio Committee was saddened and shocked by this loss. "What worries me is that these incidents, where our officers perish in the line of duty, have happened more frequently in the last three years. There is a need for us to reflect on the safety of our officers as criminals are poised to shoot at our officers, when an opportunity presents itself. They see law enforcement officers as their prime targets. We need to look at our policies, strategies and resources to ensure the safety of our officers as this seems to be a common occurrence. We as KwaDukuza Municipality council send our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of our beloved Superintendent Arumugam.", said Councillor Mdletshe.

The matter is under investigation by the South African Police Services.

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