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MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CONDEMNS SENSELESS KILLING OF ITS TRAFFIC OFFICER

The Matatiele Municipality is in mourning this weekend after the sudden passing of its Traffic Officer on the night of the 28th October 2016. Mr Don McKenzie 30, was shot four times from the side whilst patrolling at High Street in the town of Matatiele. He died on the scene. The police have confirmed that the motive for this cold-blooded killing has not yet been established, but are following close leads. McKenzie's service pistol was taken by his attackers.

The Mayor of Matatiele Local Municipality, His Worship Momelezi Mbedla has condemned the killing saying such incidents are sporadic in Matatiele and that the municipality has no room for such. He has called for a very harsh sentence on the perpetrators.

"We lost a terrific man," His Worship said. Adding that he has served the people of Matatiele with pride and dedication for the past ten years. He also urges decision makers not to dissuade law enforcement officials when it comes to putting their safety first. We are aware of these rogue elements incidents on our roads, but will never give up. We will work even harder to ensure compliance with traffic rules and regulations at all times, and concluded His Worship.

The municipality has committed itself to the enhancement of Traffic Officers' safety. We intend to prioritise the concern around the bullet proof vests for our officers. The issue of CCTV cameras in our streets is another element that we will be improving, to ensure availability of footage at all times, and promised the Municipal Spokesperson .
Olwetu Gwanya.

On behalf of the municipality, we convey our heartfelt condolences to the McKenzie family and friends. May his soul rest in peace

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