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### **MEC CHILOANE SADDENED BY FATAL DEATH OF DISTRICT OFFICIAL**

Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane is saddened by the untimely passing of Siza Mbhalati (52), a Deputy Chief Education Specialist from the Johannesburg South District who was shot dead on Thursday, 10 August 2023 at his home in Protea Glen, Soweto.

Information at our disposal suggests that Mr Mbhalati was allegedly followed home from work on Thursday afternoon by unknown suspects, who then shot him about 8 times on his driveway while he still in his car.

Mr Mbhalati worked for the Labour Relations Unit in the Johannesburg South District and was responsible facilitating for labour related disputes at schools in the District.

“We are saddened by the unfortunate death of one of our dedicated public servants who served the department with honour and dignity. On behalf of the department, we wish to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones. In the same breath, we condemn this level of lawlessness and call for the speedy apprehension of these brazen criminals,” said MEC Chiloane.

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