

MEC's brother killed in shooting

No arrests have been made following the shooting of the brother of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) MEC.

Nathi Goodman Hlomuka, 42, whose brother is Sipho Hlomuka, was in a stationary vehicle with his friend Vukani Mchunu, 41, in Peacetown when they were both shot and killed. They died at the scene. Police said that while the assailants are at large and remain unknown, the shooting seems to have been planned. Hlomuka was an employee of the Department of Public

Works in Ladysmith. A bystander also sustained a gunshot wound.

Cogta department head, Thando Tubane said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with MEC Hlomuka and his family as they grieve this tremendous loss. May the MEC and his family find strength in prayer at this difficult time."

The Alfred Duma Municipality mayor conveyed his condolences. The mayor, MV Madlala, said that he was "deeply saddened" by the tragedy. He appealed to the police to leave "no stone unturned" in finding the perpetrators.