

Taxi owner killed in Bellville

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Members of Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association (Cata) are still battling to come to terms with the death of their regional deputy chair.

Tyhilile Mqhele was shot and killed while sitting in his car in Bellville.

The motive of the attack is still unknown.

Cata spokesperson Andile Soyamo said they are still shocked as the association. He called on police to speedily investigate the incident. "All our branch members are saddened by his death. Tyhilile Mqhele was a member of our executive," he said. Soyamo said according to the report they received Mqhele was coming out from a meeting. "Then he went to fetch his car in Tygervalley. When he was shot he was standing in Durban Road," he stated.

Provincial minister of transport and public works, Bonginkosi Madikizela condemned the murder.

He urged police to increase visibility in the Bellville and Kraaifontein areas and to monitor the situation. Madikizela also called on the provincial leadership of the SA National Taxi Council (Santaco) to caution members against acts of retaliation.

Provincial police spokesperson Capt FC Van Wyk said "circumstances surrounding a shooting incident in a parking lot in front of a furniture store in Durban Road where an unidentified man was shot and fatally wounded" is under investigation.

"A murder case was opened for investigation," he said. Anyone with information about this incident is requested to contact Crime Stop 08600 10111.