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**MEC HLOMUKA COMMENDS POLICE FOR THE RECOVERY OF AN AMMUNITION MANUFACTURING MACHINE AT KWAMASHU HOSTEL**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Siphso Hlomuka commends law enforcement following a recovery of an ammunition manufacturing machine at KwaMashu Hostel. Police also confiscated two-way radios with a police frequency.

Police estimate the monetary value of the recovered machine and ammunition over one million rands. This machine has the capacity to produce one hundred rounds of ammunition each day.

It is believed that the owner of the dwelling is supplying ammunition to cash-in transit heist syndicates and other criminal elements.

The Provincial government and the South African Police Service (SAPS) have collaborated to conduct intelligence driven operations targeting amongst other things such as the removal of illegal firearms and ammunition used by criminals.

“We commend the excellent work done by law enforcement; our intensified operations are yielding positive results. This is indeed a major victory for us as the provincial government,” said MEC Hlomuka.

The MEC also says that these intelligence driven operations are going to be sustained to heighten and intensify the war against crime. “The eradication of crime remains one of the apex priorities of this government. We also encourage members of the community to play an active role in the fight against crime and assist police with information to crack such cases,” he added.