MEDIA RELEASE PSA outraged by killing of KwaZulu-Natal South African Police Service Greytown Station Commander

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is outraged by the brutal killing of a KwaZulu-Natal South African Police Service (SAPS) Station Commander who lost her life whilst serving at the frontline of combatting crime.

This incident occurred on 12 November 2026 in Greytown, where suspects who had robbed a local shop were fleeing the scene and police pursued them. The suspects then shot at the police, which resulted in a Sergeant being wounded in the arm and rushed to hospital, whilst the Station Commander was declared dead at the scene.

Since 2021, the SAPS has lost 140 officers to criminal acts whilst they were performing their duties, which is an alarming number considering the loss of experienced officers. The cowardly attack is an assault and a direct attack on the rule of law, public safety, and the efforts of all police officers who daily risk their lives to protect communities. The PSA extends sincere condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of the fallen officer.

The continued attacks on law enforcement officers are deeply concerning and undermine efforts to combat crime and restore safety. The PSA condemns all acts of violence against law enforcement officers and supports efforts aimed at strengthening community safety and protecting those who dedicate their lives to serving the public.

The PSA acknowledges the inherent danger of being a police officer in South Africa, where the risk of not returning home to loved ones is a constant reality. The PSA urges police officers to remain vigilant and act decisively using appropriate force to protect themselves and the public. The Union further calls on government to intensify efforts to combat crime, ensuring police officers are equipped with the necessary tools to perform their duties effectively.

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