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## **Families of two security guards and a police officer come face to face with their alleged killer**

KZN MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo and the Department's HOD, Dr Sifiso Mtshali joined family members of three slain people as the suspect appeared at Umlazi Magistrate Court this morning.

The 39 year old suspect is allegedly facing charges of:

- Killing of the 38 year old security guard, Zimele Nzuma who was shot dead whilst performing guarding duties at the U Section Clinic at Umlazi on the night of June 23.
- Killing of 56 year old Warrant Officer Christopher Didi who was shot dead whilst pursuing the suspected killer of Nzuma, as well as,
- The June 30 killing of a 46 year old female security guard, Ms Charity Thandazile Buthelezi who was shot at the back of her head as she was walking home after her night shift at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital

The suspect was arrested outside the gate of Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital on Friday, July 15, whilst continuing with the anti-out sourcing protest that has disrupted services in that hospital.

MEC Dhlomo decries the fact that the alleged killer was a colleague to those he is suspected of killing saying:

‘The two deceased guards and the suspect all worked together for Mbodla Security Company contracted to offer guarding services to the Department of Health. It is indeed really very hurtful to have your life taken by a person you regard as family – let alone the differences that may have made you drift apart. We thank the HAWKS for the breakthrough they have made in this case and wish that the family members will start finding closure especially now arrest has been made and they have finally seen the suspect.’

In court, the Prosecutor asked for the postponement of the case for 7 days indicating that there might be more cases that would be added.

The suspect is remanded at Mayville Police Station pending bail application that would be lodged when next he appears on July 25, at Umlazi Magistrate Court.

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