



MINISTRY OF POLICE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **THE MINISTER OF POLICE'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE PASSING AWAY OF DUMI MASILELA**

**3 August 2017**

The Minister of Police, Mr Fikile Mbalula, has learnt with great shock and sadness of the passing away of Mr Dumisani Masilela, who was killed in an attempted hijacking on Wednesday evening, 2 August 2017.

Mr Dumisani Masilela was an actor, who was known as Sfiso in a popular soapie, Rhythm City. He died at the young age of 29. Mr Masilela and his friend were shot while driving on Wednesday evening.

“We lose yet another role model in the hands of criminals, who have no regard for law or life. Mr Masilela was a role model to many youngsters, who looked up to him,” said Minister Mbalula. Minister Mbalula is very concerned about the number of firearms that are being circulated in South Africa. Minister Mbalula wants to reassure the family and friends of Mr Masilela that the police will do everything in their power to bring the perpetrators to book.

“We will not give up our country to criminals. We will go pound for pound, but we want to assure criminals that the police will be victorious. Our mandate is simple; maintain

law and order and protect South Africans,” added Minister Mbalula.

Minister Mbalula would like to send his condolences to the Rhythm City family, Mr Masilela’s supporters, friends, family and his lovely wife, Simphiwe Ngema.  
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