

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: ANOTHER MURDER CHARGE ADDED AGAINST ANC COUNCILOR**

A second murder charge has now been added against Lucky Mbuzi (42), a ward councilor at the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality. Mbuzi is charged for the murder of another African National Congress (ANC) activist.

Mbuzi, Luthando Manyana (23) and Simbongile Mjuleka (28) appeared in the Mbizana Magistrates' Court last week. They were charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder as well as illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

It is alleged that the trio killed the ANC activist, Mduduzi Madikizela (46) at his home, at Jali village two weeks ago. Mbuzi is an ANC councilor for Madikizela's ward. Their case was remanded to yesterday for formal bail application.

When they appeared in court yesterday, more charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition were added against Mbuzi and Mjuleka. The charges relate to the murder of another ANC activist, Hlelphi Thotshe (50) also of Jali village, on 10 March this year.

Charges against Siphelele Cele and Mziwokuthula Ntaka, who were initially charged with Mbuzi have been withdrawn.

The court postponed the matter to 13 May 2021 for formal bail application.

The state is opposing bail.

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