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TRAGIC DEATH OF MEC PEGGY NKONYENI'S SON

The Provincial Department of Health has learnt with shock of the sudden and tragic death of 16-year-old Monde Nkonyeni the second son of KZN Health MEC Mrs. Peggy Nkonyeni. Monde passed away after the car that he and his two siblings, Steve and Sithabile were travelling in collided with a bakkie near Port Shepstone Toll Plaza this morning. They were on their way to school when the accident took place. Monde was airlifted to hospital where he died. Steve and Sithabile were admitted at Port Shepstone hospital and Hibiscus Hospital in Port Shepstone respectively, and they are both in a stable condition.

Head of Department Dr. Busi Nyembezi has passed her deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Nkonyeni family for their loss. This is MEC Nkonyeni's second child to pass away under tragic circumstances. She lost her daughter in the 90's during the height of violence that ravaged the province.

May his soul rest in peace.