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IPOA RESPONDS TO SHOOTING INCIDENT IN NYERI COUNTY

The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) last night learnt of a shooting incident allegedly involving some police officers from Karatina Police Station, Mathira East Sub-County within Nyeri County.

During the incident which happened at around 2300 hours on 18th January 2026, Mr. George Gathu Matheri was fatally shot following a brief confrontation with police officers who were on patrol within Karatina Town. The police officer suspected to have shot the late Mr. Matheri has so far been arrested and detained for further processing to be arraigned in court.

Following Mr. Matheri's death, heightened tension in the area where the local residents barricaded the Nairobi–Karatina highway and paralysed smooth flow of traffic as well as vandalising property of unknown value.

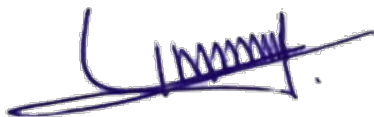
IPOA has already dispatched a Rapid Response Team from Nyeri Regional Office to commence investigations and gather all relevant information to establish the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate incident.

IPOA has so far seized the scene of incidence and collecting crucial evidence for forensic and ballistic analysis.

In addition, IPOA condoles with the family of Mr. Matheri and appeals to the public to be calm. Further, the Authority calls for anyone who may have witnessed the incident from the area to come forward with information that may assist in the ongoing investigation.

Lastly, IPOA assures the public that all efforts are being made to achieve justice for the family of the deceased.

The Authority remains committed to independence, impartiality, and fairness.



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