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ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AT PAYPOINT IN KWAZULU-NATAL

An attempted robbery took place at a South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) pay-point in Lindelani, next to Kwa-Mashu, KwaZulu-Natal this morning.

At 8:00 a white Toyota allegedly rammed into Cash Paymaster Service (CPS) guards stationed outside the Lindelani Hall, who were preparing to pay out social grants.

It is alleged that the occupants of the white Toyota opened fire and a shoot-out ensued. One pensioner was shot dead whilst three others were injured. Two CPS guards were also killed while one was injured. The four injured were taken to the nearest hospital in a critical but stable condition. No SASSA staff members sustained injuries. No cash was taken.

“SASSA would like to appeal to those who may have information on the alleged robbery to contact the nearest police station. The Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini and SASSA Executive Management extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased, and wish the injured a speedy recovery”, says Virginia Petersen, SASSA CEO.

SASSA Executive Management will tomorrow also visit the families of the injured and deceased to offer support during this difficult period.

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