

MEDIA STATEMENT

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The MEC for Social Development Mme. Nkakareng Rakgoale, has welcomed a decision by the Giyani Magistrate's Court to deny bail to two suspects who allegedly raped three minors in the Dzumeri area outside Giyani.

Rodney Shivambu and Chimbire Nobela are accused of repeatedly raping three minors aged 13 and 14 in November last year. Last month MEC Rakgoale attended the first day of the bail hearing in Giyani and joined the community in calling for the court not to grant bail to the suspects.

“The fact that the two suspects have been denied bail is an indication that government is determined in its fight against Gender Based Violence, which is leaving devastation in the lives and families of the victims. Our social workers will remain with the family and will also ensure that the three minors are prepared well so that they go and testify in court during the trial.

Today’s court outcome will serve as a deterrent to men who are violating the rights of women and children. We will make sure that we attend the court proceedings of some of these cases of rape and murder of the vulnerable people of our society, as we seek justice for the victims”said MEC Rakgoale.

The trial of Rodney Shivambu and Chimbire Nobela will start on the 3rd of March 2020 in the Giyani Magistrate’s Court.

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