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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WELCOMES THE ARREST OF THE ALLEGED SERIAL RAPIST

The Department of Social Development in Limpopo has welcomed the arrest of the alleged serial rapist who terrorized Namakgale and Lulekani between the years 2017 and 2021. A 45-year-old suspect was arrested on Saturday by members of the family and violence, child protection and sexual offences unit in Phalaborwa after he was positively linked to nine cases of rape in which similar modus operandi was used.

According to the Police the suspect had been terrorizing residents of Matjetje and Makhushane where he allegedly raped victims aged between 15 and 36. He apparently preyed on women walking at night with their male companions, threaten them with a knife and subsequently force them into the bushes where he then sexually assaulted them.

Welcoming the arrest, the acting MEC responsible for Social Development, Mr Seaparo Sekoati said: "We greatly welcome the arrest and trust that justice shall be served to the many victims of this heinous crime. Perpetrators of gender-based violence deserve the harshest possible punishment as they leave irrepealable scars to their victims."

The MEC called on the people of Limpopo to take a stand against gender-based violence adding that women and children deserve better protection from the rest of society.

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