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**MEC NDALANE REPULSED OVER THE RAPE OF A MINOR**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Nandi Ndalane is incensed and repulsed over the rape of a minor girl over the weekend. According to Police reports a 15-year-old girl from Tshakhuma boarded a taxi back from purchasing medication for her mother. In the taxi there were apparently four men. The Police further report that the taxi took a wrong direction, stopped in the bushes near Tshiemuemu Secondary School where one of the men allegedly raped the girl.

The girl was then released and a local pastor met her and informed the family. A man hunt is currently underway in search of the suspects.

Reacting to this outrageous incident, MEC Ndalane expressed fury and disgust over the sexual attack of the minor. "I am deeply disturbed and saddened by the heinous act of violence perpetrated against such a vulnerable minor. Our society must come together and unequivocally condemn such abhorrent behavior and work towards creating a safe environment for all individuals," said Ndalane. She added that it is imperative that the perpetrators are swiftly brought to justice and support and care is provided to the girl and her family during this difficult time.

The Department will send social workers to the family to provide necessary counselling and support.

Ndalane called on men to “deeply reflect on the impact of their actions. “It is crucial to understand that such behavior is not just harmful to individuals but it also erodes the fabric of our society,” emphasized Ndalane

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