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**NDALANE CONDEMNS THE BARBARIC ATTACK OF A SPOUSE**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Nandi Ndalane condemns in the strongest possible terms the alleged barbaric attack of a spouse by the employee of the Department. A 36-year-old employee of the Department of Social Development attached to the Capricorn District was arrested and had his case remanded to the 12 of February 2024.

According to Police reports the suspect apparently had a domestic dispute with his heavily pregnant wife upon which he allegedly assaulted her with the hot iron. The victim sustained injuries on both hands.

Condemning the incident, Ndalane expressed that it is unacceptable that an employee of our Department who is exposed on daily basis to the Department's efforts of ridding gender based violence in our communities to turn out to be the perpetrator of such barbaric crime. "We expect our employees to be exemplary in advocating for a GBV free society. We further expect them to seek professional intervention in the event of domestic disputes because of their close proximity to the service," added Ndalane.

Ndalane called for justice to the victim adding that in the event of positive prosecution the perpetrator should receive the harshest permissible punishment by law. “No amount of domestic dispute should result in the attack of a spouse,” Said Ndalane.

The Department will provide necessary support and counselling to the victim.

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