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RADZILANI PEEVED OVER THE RAPE OF A MINOR

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Florence Radzilani is peeved following the rape of a 15-year-old girl at Matswale location in the Musina policing area yesterday. According to Police reports, the victim left home to go play at her grandmother's place.

When she did not return, her sister went to look for her at her grandmothers' place and upon her arrival she was told that the victim never came. The search for the victim ensued and a while later she arrived at her grandmother's place. The Police report that the victim then informed them that she met a male suspect who forcefully took her to an empty house where he allegedly raped her. The victim was then released, and she went to her grandmother's place. The matter was promptly reported to the Police and the search for the suspect commenced.

Reacting to this callous act, the MEC expressed rage and called for immediate arrest of the suspect. "What kind of man attacks an innocent and vulnerable minor and subject her to such a cruel act. What kind of a man inflicts such a pain and horror to an innocent girl who only wanted to play," said Radzilani. She called on members of the public to help with information which will lead to the arrest of the suspect.

MEC Radzilani condemns any form of gender-based violence adding that gender-based violence is a pandemic that needs to be rooted out of our communities. The MEC will this afternoon accompany Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba to Luthuli Phase 2 in Seshego to the Mokwele family of a lady who was allegedly killed by her boyfriend. Radzilani has vowed to support victims of gender-based violence through psychosocial support and other means necessary.

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