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**RADZILANI EXPRESSES OUTRAGE OVER THE BRUTAL RAPE OF A PENSIONER**

The MEC responsible for Social Development in Limpopo, Ms Florence Radzilani has expressed outrage following the brutal rape of a 71-year-old pensioner at Ga-Mashishi village in the Mecklenburg Policing area on Monday.

According to Police reports, the victim was asleep at her residence when she heard a knock on her door with an unknown person requesting for her assistance. She denied the assailant entry indicating that it was late, however, the two suspects forcefully gained entry. The duo then threatened to kill the victim, dragged her into another room where they allegedly repeatedly raped her. Following the ordeal one of the one suspects left while his accomplice remained and fell asleep. The Police further report that the victim managed to escape and called for help from her neighbours. The perpetrator managed to flee while the victim was taken to the local hospital for medical examination.

Reacting to this incident, MEC Radzilani expressed outrage over this brutal violation. “This egregious act of violence against our elders is not only a violation of the individual and a betrayal of our communal values, but it is also an affront to the spirit of humanity that we strive to uphold in our society,” said Radzilani.

This horrific attack comes just days after the Province commemorated the International Day of Older Persons, a day dedicated to recognizing the contributions of older individuals and reaffirming the commitment to their safety and well-being. “It is both tragic and infuriating that during a time when we are meant to honor and protect our elders, we are faced with such an appalling crime,” added Radzilani.

The MEC called upon the community of Ga-Mashishi to help with information that could lead to the arrest of the suspects. “I urge you to come forward. We cannot allow fear to silence our voices; we must stand together against such brutal acts,” said Radzilani. She further implored on the Police to act swiftly and decisively in the investigations. “The safety of our seniors must be prioritized, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that those who commit such atrocious acts are brought to justice,” emphasized Radzilani

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