

Media Statement  
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**MEC CONDEMNS THE RAPE OF A 5 YEAR OLD LEARNER .**

Limpopo Education MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya has learned with shock the arrest of a 35-year-old Private Scholar Transporter for the alleged rape of a five-year-old girl. It is alleged that the young girl was sexually abused between January and March this year after school. The MEC is cautioning parents to do a proper background check on people that they hire to transport their children to school.

“It is a serious concern that people that are trusted to transport learners to school have turned to prey on them to advance their sexual desires. Parents must ensure that the Private scholar transporters are properly vetted, and they have no previous criminal records, especially of sexual nature” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The MEC is confident that justice will prevail, and the perpetrators will be convicted and sent away for good. The department has dispatched a Social Worker to support the learner.

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