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**MEC RADZILANI WELCOMES THE ARREST OF A TEACHER SOUGHT FOR THE RAPE OF A
LEARNER**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Florence Radzilani has expressed profound relief as she welcomes the arrest of a 58-year-old teacher accused of raping a 13-year-old learner over an extended period from 2024 to March 2025.

According to Police reports the suspect was apprehended and will appear before Mankweng Magistrate's Court on 2 April 2025. The suspect was pursued by the Police's Family, Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences unit whose preliminary investigation reveal that the victim was allegedly raped several times since November 2024 until March 2025.

Welcoming the arrest, MEC Radzilani first commended the Police for their relentless pursuit of a suspect which led to his arrest. "We commend the relentless and diligent efforts of the Police whose commitment to justice led to the arrest of the suspect. Their swift action serves as a reminder that we must remain vigilant in our pursuit of safety for every child and vulnerable member of our society," Said Radzilani. "Rape and sexual violence are unconscionable acts that have no place in our community. We condemn these acts in the strongest terms possible and emphasize that such behavior is not only criminal but also a profound violation of trust and humanity," added Radzilani.

The MEC challenged men and society at large to expose perpetrators of gender-based violence and femicide. “We must also challenge one another to expose those who perpetrate such heinous acts. Silence and complicity enable these crimes to persist. It is time for all of us to unite to foster a supportive environment where victims are heard and offenders are held accountable,” said Radzilani.

MEC Radzilani trusts that justice shall be served and called for the harshest punishment permissible by law upon conviction.

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