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**MEC RADZILANI CONDEMNS SEXUAL ONSLUGHT ON MINORS IN LIMPOPO**

The MEC responsible for Social Development, Ms Florence Radzilani sternly condemns the recent disturbing incidences of sexual assault on minors that have come to light in the province. These heinous acts threaten the safety and dignity of minor children and girls and further highlights a disturbing trend that must be urgently addressed.

MEC Radzilani expressed these sentiments responding to the latest two incidences of sexual assault involving a six and a sixteen year old minors.

In the first incident, a 34-year-old radio personality and Disc Jockey is alleged to have sexually assaulted a six-year-old minor at Mpheni Block B. According to Police reports the incident occurred on Monday 12 May. The Police report that the mother of the victim who was in Pretoria was informed that her daughter was not well by the girl's grandmother. Upon her return she learnt that the child had already been taken for medical examination which confirmed sexual assault. The Police further detail that during the interviews the victim disclosed that the suspect had shown her an inappropriate material before committing the assault.

The suspect who works as a Disc Jockey at a radio station based in Thohoyandou was apprehended on Monday (19 May 2025) and appeared before Waterval Magistrate's Court (20 May 2025). His case was postponed to 27 May for formal bail application.

In another incident a 29-year old man was arrested for allegedly raping a 16-year-old girl. According to Police reports the suspect met two minor girls in Lephalale town and offered to give them a ride to Marapong Township. While on the way to Marapong, the suspect suddenly changed direction and drove towards the bushes where he stopped his vehicle. According to the Police the suspect produced a sharp object which led to the duo fleeing. Unfortunately the victim fell and was grabbed by the suspect who allegedly repeatedly raped her. The matter was reported to the Police and a manhunt was launched. On Monday the Police received information about the suspect travelling from Marapong to Lephalale with the vehicle fitting the description of the vehicle driven by the suspect. An operation was launched and the suspect was apprehended.

Reacting to the two incidences MEC Radzilani said: "Women and children are under relentless sexual attack and it is our collective responsibility to create a safe environment where they can thrive free from fear and harm." MEC Radzilani expressed that government remains committed to fighting this scourge and called on the community to join in this fight for the benefit of women and children. "The government remains committed to protecting the rights of children and will continue to work tirelessly to eradicate this scourge. We call on every member of our community to be vigilant, report abuse and participate actively in efforts to uphold the safety and dignity of women and girls.

She called for maximum punishment of the perpetrators upon positive prosecution.

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