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MCHUNU COMMENDS POLICE FOR ARRESTING VRYHEID TAXI OWNER

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has commended police for arresting a taxi owner who allegedly raped an 18-year-old woman in Vryheid, Northern KwaZulu-Natal.

Police have brought to book a 55-year-old taxi owner for allegedly raping an 18-year-old woman.

On Saturday, October 20, 2013, at approximately 14H30pm, it is believed that THE 18-year old woman was at the Vryheid Taxi rank waiting for a taxi to take her to home in Mathunjwa area.

While waiting, she decided to go to a nearby toilet. As she entered the toilet, it is alleged that she was followed by the suspect who threatened and raped her inside the toilet. Police have since arrested a 55-year-old taxi owner for allegedly raping the woman. Police are now investigating a docket of rape.

Mchunu has expressed disappointment at the continued abuse of women, the elderly and children in the province.

“Rape is one of the worst crimes as it violates the rights of women and their privacy. As the Department we have prioritise these category of crimes and police are on the look-out for those bent on undermining the rights of women.”

“We commend the police for swift action in arresting this arrest. We will watching the proceedings of this matter with keen eye as we want our courts to send a clear message to criminals that such crimes would never go unpunished”, said Mchunu.

Meanwhile, MEC Mchunu has urged the community of Ntuzuma to stay calm and allow police to do their work following a shooting incident where five people were wounded in an apparent conflict between two taxi associations.

Today, (Monday, October 28, 2013) around 08:00 at Ntuzuma New Road, five people were wounded when two security guards from two taxi associations, namely Pisang and Ntuzuma Taxi Association, allegedly opened fire.

One security guard from Pisang was wounded and the other one from Ntuzuma was also wounded during the shooting.

Two people, who were in a taxi, were also wounded and taken to hospital for treatment. A woman who was at her house was shot by a stray bullet and wounded. She was also taken to hospital for treatment.

The motive of shooting is unknown at this stage. About 20 cartridges of R5 rifles were found at the scene. Five cases of attempted murder are being investigated. No arrest has been made yet.

MEC Mchunu called on the local community to be calm and allow the police to do their work.
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