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MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES LIFE SENTENCE FOR A CHILD RAPIST

KWAZULU-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has welcomed the life sentence imposed on 30-year old man for raping a four-year old girl, saying such a sentence would send a strong message to rapists that the arm of the law will find them whenever they are. Ngangetshe Sibongiseni Mhlongo was sentenced by the Esikhawini Regional Court this week (Tuesday) to life imprisonment.

He was found guilty for raping the four-year-old-girl who was given 50 cents in a bid to make her to keep quiet about the rape. The girl had stayed with him while two other girls fetched his cattle. When the two girls returned, they found their friend crying. They quickly took her to her mother at home, and the matter was reported to the police.

The police acted swiftly and arrested the rapist. Mchunu has welcomed the swift action of police in dealing with this horrendous matter and thanked them for handling this sensitive case professionally.

"We welcome this decision by Esikhawini Regional Court and we are convinced that it will send a strong message to other rapists that their horrendous deeds would always be harshly dealt with by our police and our courts. The message is clear to all criminals, your dirty actions and your preying on the young and the weak would always be met with the full might of the law," said Mchunu.

Mchunu also noted with concerns reports that criminals stalking and murdering women were on the loose in Sections C and D of KwaMashu township, north of Durban. In the recent past, three mutilated bodies of women were found in these sections, triggering fears among the community.

Mchunu said police were looking into this matter and a special unit dealing with these kinds of crimes had already been deployed in the concerned areas.

“Police are closely watching the situation and I am convinced that they would soon make a breakthrough. Members of the community are urged to pass to the police any information relating to this matter,” said Mchunu.

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