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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MEC NKAARENG RAKGOALE COMMENDS SAPS FOR A BREAKTHROUGH ON MURDER AND A RAPE CASE.

The MEC for Social Development, MEC Nkakaeng Rakgoale, has commended the South African Police Services for arresting a 35 year-old man who allegedly raped and killed 11-year old Thandi Mampane.

Mampane who was reported missing on the 5th of this month was found murdered a day later. It was also suspected that she had been sexually assaulted.

"I want to take this opportunity and commend the police, under the leadership of MEC Masemola who managed to arrest the suspect who has been on the run for a week. We are calling on the police to thoroughly investigate the matter and ensure that a conviction is secured. We are also calling on the judiciary to deny the suspect bail. As the department tasked with the welfare of children, we are convinced that the imposing of harsher sentences to perpetrators of gender based violence will deter would be perpetrators to stop abusing our women and children." said Rakgoale.

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