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KWAZULU-NATAL SHOCKED AT RAPE OF ELEDERLY WOMAN IN MTUBATUBA

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Mr Senzo Mchunu today expressed his shock and sadness when he met the family of a 76 year old woman who died this morning, while in hiding from her son who allegedly raped her.

“This is very sad, and one just cannot understand how this incident happened. As we are being told the story of what happened in this house, we can’t even begin to wrap our brains around it,” said Mchunu, when he visited the Sithole family in the Nkundusi area. Members of the community told Mchunu how they heard rumors of the incident, and upon talking to the victim, the story was confirmed.

The police were called and victim’s 58 year old son was arrested and is expected to appear in the Mtubatuba Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

Mchunu was told that a member of the community came to the Sithole family at the weekend and told them that the suspect will be released from custody on Monday, prompting the victim, her daughter-in-law and grandchildren to flee to a relative’s house on Saturday night.

The victim is reported to have been highly distressed, and died this (SUNDAY) morning at the relative’s home.

“As government, we will do everything in our power to ensure the family’s safety, because we have been told that they are terrified of the suspect,” said Mchunu adding that the police need to do everything in their power to ensure the safety of the family as they start preparations for the funeral.

Mchunu was in Nkundusi area as part of the “I Do Right Campaign” roadshow, which is a government initiative to fight corruption and poor delivery of services to the public.



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