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MEC Ngomane sends condolences to the family of murdered child

Mpumalanga Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC Pat Ngomane has sent condolences to the family of a child who was found murdered after she disappeared from her home in Mahushu near Hazyview last week Friday, 8 June 2018

The MEC's reaction follows the kidnap and the murder of an eight year old girl, Nokubonga Nonyane who first disappeared before her body was discovered by a passer by. She was earlier reported missing on Friday last week.

The MEC says there seems to be a trend where children get kidnapped and in worst cases they become killed while others become reunited with their families. Recently a 13c year old, Katlego Marite, was abducted by men at Tasbett Park in Emalahleni, while another girl was abducted near her school in Siyabuswa. Both children were found and reunited with their families.

Ngomane has appealed to the police to urgently bring the suspects to book. He further appealed to the Criminal Justice System to ensure that those who are found guilty of any offences relating to the ill treatment of minors receive lengthy jail sentences saying, this will serve as a deterrent to other menaces in our midst to immediately stop.

The MEC has further appealed to members of the public to assist the police with any information that may assist the police with any information that may lead to the arresting of the suspects. Ngomane has condemned the incident of children destroy the social fabric of the society and the future of the country.

He added that children should not be worrying about their safety but instead should be mainly preoccupied with their school work. He urged the communities to look well after children in such that the children are not over burdened with their own safety. He appealed to parents to become more responsible and extremely vigilant with regards to the safety of their children.

“What type of a society that constantly violates its children. It cannot be that children cannot walk freely in their own neighbourhoods. We need to urgently remove these beasts from the society. We should never normalize evil. We must do all in our power to ensure that the most vulnerable members of our society, especially children, are safe at all times,” Ngomane said.

Meanwhile MEC Ngomane will visit the bereaved family in Mahushu near Hazyview on Thursday, 14 June 2018 from 08h00.

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