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THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SADDENED BY THE RAPE OF A LEARNER

The Mpumalanga Department of Education has learnt with great shock of an incident where a security guard of KwaManala Secondary School, in Vaalbank, Libangeni circuit in the Dr JS Moroka local municipality raped a female 16 year old learner yesterday, 17 November 2023.

It is alleged that the incident happened at around 06H00 when the learner arrived at the school to do some revision for the paper she was supposed to write at 09H00. According to the report from the school, when the learner arrived at school the gate was slightly open, she then walked in with an intention to go and revise before writing her examination paper.

It is alleged that the security guard entered the classroom and subsequently threatened her to come with him to a bush where he raped her. The girl learner managed to escape to report the rape at the Vaalbank Police Station.

The Department will deploy officials from the Inclusive Education and wellness units to render psycho-social counselling services to the learner. A case of sexual assault has been opened and police are currently looking for the suspect. The department urges anyone who may have valuable information to contact the Vaal Bank Police station.

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