

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MEC Molapisi calls for the arrest of filling station owner in Ganyesa who allegedly electrocuted a 9-year-old child

North West MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management Gaoage Oageng Molapisi calls for the arrest of a filling station owner who allegedly assaulted a 9-year-old boy in Ganyesa.

A case of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm was registered at the Ganyesa police station following allegations that a 9-year-old boy was handcuffed and hand electrocuted on Wednesday 28 May 2014, by the owner of Disipi filling station.

According to the information, the police took the child to the local clinic where he was examined and also established that he was injured, but had no fracture. The mother was allegedly advised to lay a charge on behalf of the child, which she only did after three days.

The police confirmed that the suspect is not yet arrested and said it is alleged that he is in Bloemfontein.

MEC Molapisi said the suspect must be arrested and face the full wrath of the law and charges be proffered against him. "Gone are the days where people were handcuffed and electrocuted, we cannot accept that kind of action in 20 years of freedom and democracy," said Molapisi.

However, the MEC further expressed his confidence to the South African Police Service that they will leave no stone unturned to arrest the suspect.

"Bloemfontein is just another town within South African, nothing will hinder with the arrest of the suspect and we also have trust on our justice system that the case will be investigated and give a fit judgement," concluded Molapisi.

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