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MAYORAL PUBLIC STATEMENT

Her Worship the Mayor of Walter Sisulu Local Municipality, Cllr. Vania Davids, has learned with deep sadness and condemns the barbaric killing of Mr. Mcebisi Makateng who was the Walter Sisulu Local Area Manager for the Department of Social Development based in Maletswai.

The Mayor has offered her deep and sincere condolences to the Makateng's family and relatives, colleagues, friends and the entire community of Walter Sisulu municipal area which has lost a loved one and equally a progressive, dedicated and a long-time cadre of the public service. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

The Mayor hereby request a dedicated SAPS team to leave no stone unturned in investigating and arresting the perpetrators for successful prosecution.

Further, she calls upon those members of the community with credible information to work with the police for a speedy arrest of those linked to this heinous crime.

Furthermore, Her Worship welcomes the arrest of a male suspect linked to the delivery of written notes to a number of females in the Joe Gqabi residential area (in Maletswai), in which he threatened "to rape them as he has done so to many others".

The Mayor regards domestic violence, gender-based violence, threatening and psychological abuse of women and girl children in particular, as a serious crime against the society, and it must not be tolerated at all in the Walter Sisulu municipal area.

She said: "I call upon the African ancestry to heal us and to remove among us those who are not communal and always with criminal intent."

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