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MEC Makoma Makhurupetje condemns spate of Murders at Chavani Village and welcomes sentencing of convicted rapist

We woke up in shock this morning to receive the sad news of the murder of Eric Mbhazima Mavasa, a security guard at Shinguwa high school at Chavani village who was killed on Tuesday night. This is a second case in the same village to happen within a month after a young lady Vonani Mashele was also found dead at Chavani next to Xilumani High School. As government, we condemn these murders in the strongest terms and encourage the police to work hard to arrest the perpetrators.

In the same breath, we join Limpopo Commissioner of Police in welcoming the sentencing of convicted rapist Khutjo Donald Shai. Shai was this week sentenced to two life sentences and ten years in prison by the Polokwane High Court after raping a number of women between 2013 and 2015. He was also found guilty of a number of crimes ranging from house breaking and robbery.

"This is obviously good news to all women in Limpopo. Shai's sentencing comes at a time when we have just ended women's month which was mostly focused on gender based violence. There can be no better way of celebrating the end of women's month than to receive this good news which show that our police are doing their work to stop perpetrators of gender based violence, said MEC Makhurupetje.

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We congratulate men and women in blue who were involved in this case for a good job well done. Rapists like Khutjo must rot in jail and do not deserve to live in our society" added the MEC.

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