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RE: DA MPL IN COURT FOR ASSAULT

The DA member of the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature, Sanele Magaqa (42) and his co-accused Thembela Dyongwana (36) appeared at the Keiskammahoek Magistrates' Court for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

It is alleged that in December 2017 at Lower Gxulu Administrative Area in Keiskammahoek, the two men had attended a traditional ceremony. Dyongwana had allegedly attended the ceremony with his girlfriend who is currently aged 34 years. It is alleged that the lovers got into a heated argument which led to Dyongwana assaulting her.

In an attempt to defend herself, she then allegedly threw a bottle at him. However the bottle landed near Magaga's car. Magaga then allegedly assaulted her.

The two men were summoned to appear in court on 23 March 2021 and were released on warning. Yesterday their case was postponed to 30 June 2021 for mediation as the accused have requested for mediation.

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