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RE: KEPMDORP MAN IN COURT FOR RAPE AND MURDER OF A MINOR

A 26-year-old man appeared before the Kgomotso Periodical Court in Taung on charges of rape, attempted rape, kidnapping and murder.

The matter was postponed to next Monday, 31 May 2021 for further investigations and legal representation.

Johannes Bafana Mans was arrested on Thursday, 20 May 2021 in Jan Kepmdorp in the Northern Cape where he stays in connection with allegations of rape and murder of a four-year-old, Tshimologo Lotshabeng. Lotshabeng's naked body and clothes were found in the bushes on Sunday, 16 May 2021 at Kgomotso village near Taung.

It is alleged that Patricia Neo Lotshabeng (32) who is the victim's mother together with Mans and her female friend were drunk, walking from a tavern to the friend's house in the early hours of 15 May 2021. Tshimologo was left with six other children at the friend's house where they were going to from the tavern.

Mans then attempted to rape Patricia but her friend intervened and stopped him.

After his failure to rape Patricia, it is alleged that he then waited for her and her friend to fall asleep. He then kidnapped the child and took her to the nearby bushes where he raped and killed her.

Upon realising that the child was missing in the morning, the 32-year-old Patricia then reported the matter to the police and a search was conducted which led them to the nearby bushes where the naked and strangled body of the child was discovered.

He is remanded in police custody until his next court appearance.

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