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**RE: MAN APPEARS IN COURT FOR ATTEMPTED RAPE AND
HOUSEBREAKING**

A 33 year-old man briefly appeared in the Tsomo Magistrates' Court earlier today, charged with housebreaking with intent to commit an offence and attempted rape.

The man, from Mission village in Mkwinti Administrative Area, was arrested last weekend for attempting to rape a 65 year-old woman after breaking into her home, in the same village, on Saturday night. It is alleged that while attempting to rape the elderly woman, he tried to forcefully kiss the victim, but she bit a chunk of his tongue off. Police arrested the man at Cofimvaba Hospital, about 40 kilometers from his home village, where he had gone to seek medical attention for his injury.

During his appearance, the alleged would-be rapist who could barely talk, elected to engage the services of a private attorney at his own expense. Consequently, the court postponed the matter to 18 November to afford him time to secure legal representation, and for further investigations.

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Regional Spokesperson: DPP Mthatha

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