



**Commission for Gender Equality**  
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Media Statement

**THE ASSAULT CASE OF A GRANDMOTHER IN WALLACEDENE, KRAAIFONTEIN BRINGS INTO SPOTLIGHT THE PLIGHT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ELDERLY PERSONS**

To: Editors, Producers and Reporters

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) has learned, with great shock of a 19-year-old teenager who assaulted his grandmother in Wallacedene, Kraaifontein in Cape Town. We are concerned about the increasing incidents of violence and abuse against the elderly by relatives, care-givers and community members. Elderly persons suffer a wide range of abuse including physical, emotional and economic abuse wherein they are deprived of their social grants through various means.

The Commission will monitor the matter and initiate an investigation into the abuse of elderly persons across the country. CGE applauds the police for acting with speed following the circulation of the video on social media.

Allegations of systemic failures and of defeating the ends of justice must be investigated with the aim of creating an environment that respects and promotes the rights of elderly persons. The Commission implores authorities to do more to protect the elderly as they form part of the most vulnerable groups in our society.

**End.**

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