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Media Invite

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To: Members of the Media

COMMISSION FOR GENDER EQUALITY SUMMONS MPUMALANGA NPA AND SAPS TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WITHDRAWAL AND PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL OFFENCE, GBV CASES IN THE PROVINCE

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) Mpumalanga Provincial Office has noted with great concern the high number of gender-based violence (GBV) cases that are withdrawn in the province. A number of GBV victims and survivors in Mpumalanga have complained about the undesirable treatment they receive from police stations, which includes lack of feedback by investigators on the status of their cases.

It is against this backdrop that the Commission has summoned the provincial offices of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and South African Police Services (SAPS) to public hearings in order to assess the rates of, and reasons for, the withdrawal and the prosecution of the sexual offences cases. The hearings will also help the CGE to find solutions to institutional and systematic barriers that hinder access to justice for GBV victims and survivors.

The Commission for Gender Equality hereby invites members of the media to these hearings.

Date : 26 September 2024

Time : 09h00 – 17h00

Venue : Nutting Guest Lodge

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