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RE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR CHILD RAPIST

A twenty- nine year old (29) man was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Ntuzuma Regional Court on Monday, 03 August 2015 after being convicted for the rape of a two year old girl.

The accused was friends with the child's father and on the day of the incident they were drinking together with some other friends. They then went to the complainant's house where the child was with a care giver. While all the men went out to buy more alcohol, the accused headed back to the house where he raped the child. The helper saw the accused leave the house and go to a tap near the house and wash his hands. She found the child in a pool of blood and alerted the elders as well as the father of the child.

They found the accused at his house wearing blood-stained clothes and the helper pointed him out as the man she saw leaving the house. They also found blood in the trough where he had washed his hands.

Regional court prosecutor Thulisile Shabalala used circumstantial evidence as well as medical evidence in the form of the J88 and DNA analysis to prove the state's case.

Further, a victim impact statement facilitated by Court Preparation Officer Xolile Mzobe was handed in. This described the physical injuries the child sustained as well as the fact that she is experiencing gynaecological problems and still visits the hospital regularly.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence and hopes it has a deterrent effect on would be offenders.

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