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RE: CHILD RAPIST SENTENCED

A 49 year-old from Waterloo was sentenced to 24 years imprisonment in the Verulam Regional Court on Monday for the rape of a nine year-old girl that took place early in the year.

The accused knew the complainant and on the day of the incident he saw her walking on the road. He grabbed her and forced her into a vacant property where he raped her. Her screams alerted a neighbour who witnessed the incident. The accused was apprehended by community members as he tried to escape.

In her victim impact statement, the girl gave an account of how the incident impacted on her life. She still had nightmares and said that she no longer experienced any peace.

In aggravation of sentence, regional court prosecutor, Kaystree Ramsamujh told the court that children needed to be protected and kept away from people like the accused. She also urged the court to take into account the physical, emotional and psychological pain of the victim. She said the accused ought to have nurtured, guided and protected the child but instead he chose to rape her.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence and we hope it will have a deterrent effect on would-be offenders.

Kind Regards,

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