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RE: MATATIELE MAN SENTENCED FOR RAPE

A 47 year-old man was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in the Kokstad/Maluti Regional Court last week for the rape of an 18 year old girl.

The accused is a South Africa citizen living abroad with his wife and had come alone to visit his family in Matatiele in 2011. The complainant was known to the accused.

The incident occurred one evening when the accused asked the girl to accompany him to a nearby homestead to fetch some items. Whilst driving to the place, the accused stopped at a dark spot and asked her to have sexual intercourse with him. When she refused, he locked all the car doors, put on a condom and forcefully had sexual intercourse with her. He threatened to harm her if she reported the incident.

The complainant wrote an examination at school the next day and soon after reported the rape to her friend, asking her to keep it a secret. The friend refused to do so and told her mother who alerted the police.

The accused pleaded not guilty saying that the intercourse was consensual and was initiated by the complainant.

During cross-examination, Regional Court Prosecutor Ntandazo Jaca asked the accused if he had a girlfriend in South Africa and the accused said that he did not. Jaca then asked him why he had a condom in his possession when (according to him) the complainant had initiated the intercourse. The accused could not explain why he had the condoms if indeed he did not intend on having sexual intercourse.

Jaca argued that the accused had planned the offence. He added that it was highly improbable that the complainant would have initiated sexual intercourse with the accused since she respected him as a father figure.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes this sentence.

Kind Regards,

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