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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

James Ndlovu, a 27 year-old man, was convicted of rape in the regional court at Tzaneen and sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday.

The complainant was raped by two men hence life imprisonment was imposed.

The accused was amongst a gang of men who attacked the victim on 01 January 2015 at Morutji Village. The accused and a second perpetrator raped the victim. The accused was arrested by the community shortly after the incident.

The complainant testified in aggravation of sentence that her life changed completely after the incident. She struggles to sleep, cannot adapt socially and lost a lot of weight, she said. Evidence was also tendered that she recently received medical help for her condition which still persists 11 months after the incident.

The State Prosecutor, Du Plessis contended that there are no substantial and compelling circumstances to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence. The court agreed with Du Plessis and imposed life sentence.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and applauds Du Plessis for the good word.

Kind Regards,

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