

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: MAN SENTENCED FOR RAPE OF SIBLINGS**

A 21 year-old man was sentenced to an effective 18 years imprisonment in the Durban Regional Court on Monday, after he was convicted of rape and attempted rape of his younger sister.

The accused and complainant lived in Cato Crest in Durban, he called the 9 year-old girl into his room where he raped her. He then gave her R2 and threatened to hurt her if she told anyone about the incident.

A few months later, the accused climbed into the child's bed and pulled down her pants. Their cousin saw this and asked the accused what he was doing. At this point the complainant told the cousin that the accused had previously raped her.

In court, the Regional Court Prosecutor, Shayna Naidoo presented medical evidence which indicated that the complainant had been sexually violated. Naidoo urged the court to view the offences in a serious light stating that children are being violated on a daily basis and it was necessary for the court to send out a deterrent message.

The accused was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for rape and 5 years imprisonment for attempted rape. The sentences will run concurrently.

The NPA welcomes this sentence. Protecting the rights of children is one of our priorities and sentences like this only serve to reinforce our commitment.

Kind Regards,

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