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RE: 29 YEAR-OLD RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

A 29 year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Tzaneen Regional Court yesterday. Trevor Modiba Motohobeki was convicted for one count of rape involving a 17 year-old girl.

The accused was arrested after he and another person who is still at large, found the victim on the street in the company of her boyfriend. The two men assaulted the boyfriend who ran away leaving the two culprits with the victim. The victim was dragged into the nearby bush where she was raped by the two men.

Rape carries a minimum of life imprisonment when committed in circumstances where the victim was raped by more than one person. In this case the victim was raped by two men hence life sentence was imposed.

Representing the state was prosecutor Paul Rikhotso who strongly argued for the imposition of a life imprisonment. Magistrate Lamminga agreed with the prosecutor that there were no compelling and substantial circumstances to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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