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RE: A MAN WHO RAPED A GRANNY GETS 13 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

A 42-year-old man from Bainsvlei has been sentenced to 13 years in prison by the Bloemfontein Regional Court after he was found guilty of raping a 68-year-old granny. Magistrate Monde Matshaya sentenced Papi Moahludi after he convicted him of raping the complainant in the morning of 2 March 2015 in the area.

The court heard that on the day of the incident the complainant was walking to the shop when she met the accused who was on her way to work. The accused grabbed the complainant from behind, dragged her to a bushy area behind the shop, throttled her and proceeded to rape her.

In court, Moahludi said that the complainant had asked for money from him to buy a sorghum beer and they agreed that she will have sex with him in exchange for it. State prosecutor, Tshegofatso Kambi requested the court to reject the version of the accused because he is making up a story as he is aware that he is in trouble with the law.

Kambi further requested the court not to deviate from the minimum prescribed sentence for flimsy reasons because the accused has failed to advance substantial and compelling circumstances for imposition of a lesser sentence.

Kambi stated that the offence was committed against a defenceless woman who belongs to the vulnerable group and it is the responsibility of the court to protect her. She also informed the court that even though the victim impact statement was not presented to the court, the victim has been traumatised by the incident because she was violated in the most inhumane way by the accused who is even younger than her children.

Passing sentence, magistrate Matshaya said that rape is a prevalent offence in Bloemfontein and the court must deal with it seriously in order to deter other people from committing such crimes.

Magistrate Matshaya further stated that even though the accused has committed a serious offence, the fact that he lost his job, he has four children and the victim did not suffer any physical injuries amount to substantial and compelling circumstances that justify a lesser sentence and he subsequently sentenced the accused to 13 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will serve as a deterrent to would-be rapist who prey on vulnerable people.

Kind Regards,

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