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RE: BHISHO HIGH COURT SENTENCED A RAPIST TO THREE LIFE TERMS IN PRISON

The families of the victims, the NPA and the members of the community sighed with relief when the Bhisho High Court sentenced Andile Mangele to three life terms in prison for raping three young girls between the ages of 7 and 9 years old. The case emanates from Keiskammahhoek District where three young girls who are friends were allegedly raped by Mangele. All the three girls were neighbours.

The accused in this matter stayed alone in a neighbouring homestead and the three victims would be playing in the street and the accused would then call them to his place. It is alleged that he would cook food for them and force them to watch adult phonography on a DVD player, there after rape them in turns in the presence of one another. On all occasions where he raped them he would threaten the victims with a big sword and knife and tell them that he will kill them if they told anyone.

The victims did not know how many times they were raped but knew that it was from January to July 2015 for several days at times, and the prosecutor decided to charge the accused with three counts of rape on different occasions and three counts of exposure or display of pornography to children on diverse occasions. The prosecutor asked the Film and Publications Board to analyse and classify the DVD which was confiscated from the accused to determine whether it was pornographic material and to issue a report and certificate. The report was compiled by a Child Protection Officer from the Films and Publication Board in Pretoria.

The NPA and the investigating officer worked very well together to secure a conviction even though it was not very easy as the victims were minors and very traumatised. The accused was successfully convicted on three counts of rape and three counts of Exposure and Display of Pornography.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and applaud the hard work of Advocate Nocwaka Tokota based in the Bhisho DDPP office. Keep up the good work!!

Kind Regards,

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