

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: FORMER POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
FOR RAPING HIS DAUGHTER**

A former Krugersdorp police officer, who cannot be named to protect the identity of his child was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape, on Wednesday 06 April 2016 by the Krugersdorp Regional Court.

The 43 year-old, who is also a son of a former Krugersdorp Police Brigadier was convicted in September 2015 for sexually assaulting and raping his 9 year-old biological daughter during 2009 and 2010. The incidents took place at the home of the accused where he was staying with his mother as well as at the home of the mother of the complainant who was in a relationship with the accused.

The complainant reported to her school teacher in class and was thereafter sent for forensic assessment. The assessment revealed full details of the complainant's dreadful ordeal and amongst others, how the accused made use of sex toys and gels during the rape incidents. Upon examination by a medical expert, the complainant presented with injuries consistent with penetration.

The accused pleaded not guilty and placed every aspect of the case in dispute, resulting in the trial lasting for more than 5 years. During mitigation for a lesser sentence the accused labelled the rape as "not so bad" – because it was committed within the family structure.

Aggravating for a harsh sentence, the state presented amongst others, a victim impact report which revealed that the complainant suffered immense trauma due to the incidents. The complainant further suffered severe depression which resulted in her becoming a drug addict for which she had received rehabilitation. The report stated that she started inflicting injuries upon herself and attempted to commit suicide on two occasions.

These aspects, including the complete lack of insight and remorse by the accused weighed heavily in the accused being sentenced to a term of life imprisonment and a further 8 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

**Hurbetin Phindi Louw**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP South Gauteng**

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