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RE: 18 YEARS FOR CHILD RAPIST

Mlondi Praise-God Jaca was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment in the Ixopo Regional Court last week after being convicted for the rape of a 10 year-old girl.

In December 2014, the complainant was walking a long distance home from the shop when she encountered the accused. He was unknown to her and told her he was looking for a particular homestead. She told him that she didn't know the place. He then grabbed her and pulled her into nearby bushes where he undressed and raped her on the dirt and sand.

Thereafter, he took off the woollen hat that he was wearing and told her to wipe the dirt off her body. He told her not to tell anyone about what had happened and fled the scene. The child went home and reported the incident to her mother, repeating the name of the homestead that the accused had mentioned. Her mother knew the place and she went there together with the child and the police.

The complainant immediately pointed out the accused as the perpetrator because he was still wearing the woollen hat and she recognised the scars on his face. The police checked his hat and found that it was dirty just as the child had said.

Since the accused could not be linked by DNA, his defence told the court that he was not even in the area on the day of the offence. However, Regional Court Prosecutor, Sipho Nkondo was able to prove otherwise and the accused was sentenced accordingly.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence and we hope that it has a deterrent effect on would-be offenders.

Kind Regards,

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