

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST FATHER GETS LIFE**

A thirty-five year old man from Dambuza in Pietermaritzburg was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court last week after pleading guilty to raping his fifteen year-old daughter.

The rape occurred last week Monday when the accused and the child were alone at home. The accused asked the child to keep the incident a secret however, she reported the incident to her teacher at school and her mother was then called in. The accused was arrested and he pleaded guilty.

In aggravation of sentence, Regional Court Prosecutor Mariam Aboobaker argued that the accused showed nothing substantial and compelling to warrant a deviation from the minimum sentence of life imprisonment. She further argued that the accused was the biological father of the child and he had abused her trust to such an extent that she was too traumatised and emotional to even submit a victim impact statement.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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