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RE: GRANDFATHER SENTENCED FOR RAPING GRANDAUGHTER

A 70-year old grandfather was sentenced to eight years imprisonment on Monday after he was convicted of raping his 8-year old granddaughter by the Bloemfontein Sexual Offences Court. Magistrate Jan Greyvensteyn sentenced the grandfather for raping his granddaughter three times between 2001 and 2002.

The court heard that the victim was staying with her grandparents after the death of her mother. Her grandmother was employed and she would sometimes leave her in the house with her grandfather.

Between January 2001 and December 2002 her father raped her three times after the grandmother had left for work. He asked her not to tell anyone and promised to give her money. The victim kept the rape incidents as secret until 2011 when she tried to commit suicide.

Her uncle from East London came to Bloemfontein after getting the news that she tried to commit suicide. She informed him that she was raped by the grandfather 10 years ago. The uncle reported the matter to the police and the grandfather was arrested.

In a victim impact statement prepared by court preparation officer, Charidon Molt, the victim stated that she failed three times at school because she could not concentrate in class as what her grandfather did was bothering her all the time. She further stated that she hated being touched by a male person even her relatives because she hated men.

In sentencing the accused, the magistrate stated that he betrayed the trust the victim had in him and he was supposed to protect the granddaughter instead of behaving like a monster towards her. He however, took the age of the accused into consideration and sentenced him to eight years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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