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RE: TWO RAPISTS SENTENCED

Two men were convicted and sentenced at the Atlantis Regional Court on two separate cases involving child rapes on Thursday. The Atlantis Regional Court sentenced Nigel Goedeman to twenty years direct imprisonment after he was convicted on two counts of raping a nine year old girl. The state argued for a custodial sentence under the minimum sentences act which prescribes a minimum sentence of life imprisonment. However, in sentencing the magistrate found substantial and compelling evidence not to sentence the accused to life imprisonment despite the accused having a previous conviction of sexual assault. The conviction on sexual assault dates back to 2009.

The nine year old girl was lured from her friends by the accused with a promise of circus tickets for her family. The complainant walked with the accused to a secluded area and when she wanted to return to her friends the accused took out a knife and threatened her. He then forced her to the ground and raped her. He then threatened to kill her if she told anyone about the incident. The little girl went home crying and informed her mother about the incident. The mother reported the incident to the police and the accused was arrested. The little girl identified her rapist on a photo identity parade,

In another sentencing in the same court, Lee-Mervin Tieling Philadelphia was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment of which 5 years was suspended with conditions. Philadelphia was charged with the rape of a ten year old boy. The accused and the minor were smoking dagga together where after the accused had sexual intercourse with him. A member of the community heard of the incident and informed the mother of the little boy. The mother reported the incident to the police.

The accused confessed that he was aware of the age of the complainant and that he was too young to give consent. The state argued for custodial sentence. The magistrate found compelling and substantial evidence.

Prosecutor Anneke Snyman who successfully prosecuted both cases said: "These sentences will give the community of Atlantis confidence in the justice system. It will also encourage complainants to come to court and testify against the accused."

Kind Regards,

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