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RE: 15 YEARS FOR CHILD PORN GRANDFATHER

On Monday, a fifty-four (54) year old man pleaded guilty in the Durban Regional Court to 5 counts of creation of child pornography, 5 counts of possession of child pornography and 1 count of rape.

The complainant in the matter was his minor granddaughter. In his plea, the accused told the court that the offences took place when he took pictures of the child and stored them on his cell phone.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Jerome Gnanapragas told the court that matters of child pornography are becoming common as perpetrators think that this is a victimless offence. He urged the presiding officer to impose a harsh sentence to deter would be offenders.

The accused was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for the child pornography related charges and 15 years imprisonment for rape.

The presiding officer ruled that the sentences run concurrently.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN, Advocate Moipone Noko welcomes the sentence. "Matters of this nature are very distressing, where adults in a position of trust become the perpetrators. I believe that an example has been set. This is a stern warning to adults that they have no right to abuse the children under their care, no matter the relationship they share," she said.

Kind Regards,

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