

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 20 JUNE 2016

RE: PAEDOPHILE SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT

The Western Cape High Court has sentenced Nizaam Ajam to twenty years direct imprisonment on Tuesday after convicting him on one hundred and eighty charges of sexual crimes against children. The charges were sexual grooming of children, creation of child pornography, using a child for the purposes of child pornography, exposing child pornography to children, distribution of child pornography, encouraging self-sexual assault, rape and extortion.

The accused used social networks such as BBM, WhatsApp, Facebook and Mixit to contact and connect with minors. He used fake profiles depicting himself as a minor and sent friend requests to the various minor victims.

After accepting his friend requests, the victims would chat with him and share information with him. The accused would then request the victims to take naked pictures of themselves and send them to him. After receiving these pictures, he would threaten to expose the naked pictures when they refuse to send him more naked pictures. At three instances he lured three minor victims and raped them.

The accused entered into a plea and sentencing agreement and was sentenced to the 20 years direct imprisonment. The NPA welcomes this sentence and urges parents and guardians to monitor the activity of their children on social networks. The victims were aged between 12 and 16 years of age and included boys and girls.

Advocate Bonnie Currie – Gamwo who secured the plea and sentencing agreement said that one of the negatives of social networks and the easy access that our children have on them, is that predators like Ajam are able to use them to target young unsuspecting children. The calculated manner in which he went about befriending these victims on Facebook, using fake profiles, inducing them to send him naked pictures and

blackmailing them with a threat to expose them if they refuse, makes him a danger to society.

This sentence shows the results of the continued fight and prioritization of cases involving vulnerable groups such as women and children in the province. It also sends a message to anyone who is involved in these types of activities that they will receive this type of harsh sentence.

The court also ordered that the accused is unfit to own a firearm and that his name be included in the national register of sex offenders.

Kind Regards,

Eric Ntabazalila

DPP Western Cape: Spokesperson

entabazalila@npa.gov.za

073 062 1222