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RE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPIST

Velani Nyawose was given a term of life imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court on Monday, 29 Feb 2016 after the court found him guilty of rape.

The complainant, who is mentally challenged, was at the Shelley Beach Centre on Durban's south coast when the accused (unknown to her) proposed love to her. She told him that she did not believe in love. He then persuaded her to go with him to his house.

They travelled to Port Shepstone and then to Hibberdene where the accused lived. En-route to the house, he saw his mother in the field and told the complainant that they should use an alternate path. The complainant told him that she wanted to go home and walked away. The accused followed her into the sugarcane field where he raped her.

Some women from the area found the complainant crying at a bus stop and assisted her in reporting the matter to the police.

The accused pleaded not guilty and maintained that the complainant had consented to the intercourse. However, the court dismissed his claims and he was convicted as charged.

This matter was finalised by Regional Court Prosecutor, Sibusiso Mhlongo. The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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