

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE FOR RAPIST FATHER**

A 57 year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Ngwelezane Regional Court last week for the rape of his biological daughter. The complainant, who was 8 years old at the time, lived with her father after her mother passed away. She did, however, occasionally live with a nanny or a family member.

The accused raped the child till she was 10 years old. The child reported the incident to her nanny and was beat up by her father when the nanny approached him. A social worker eventually laid charges against the father.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Machell May led the evidence of the complainant as well as a doctor who examined the child. A neighbour also testified for the state.

In aggravation of sentence, Prosecutor May handed in a victim impact statement, facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Seneliso Sibanda. Further, she told the court that the accused showed no remorse as he denied the allegations and subjected the child to the trial.

Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Moipone Noko: 'The sentence here is indeed fitting. It is very distressing to know that the perpetrator here was the complainant's father, someone who was expected to protect her. The work done by the prosecutor, Machell May, is appreciated.'

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

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