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RE: 2 LIFE PLUS 10 YEARS FOR RAPE & MURDER

Lindokuhle Muzisiyanda Mthethwa (19) was handed down two life sentences plus 10 years imprisonment in the Durban High Court last week for the offences of house breaking (with intent to rape), kidnapping, rape and murder he committed in July last year.

The five year-old complainant was asleep in her KwaDukuza home together with her family when the accused broke in. He kidnapped the child and took her outside where he raped her. After causing injuries to her body and head, the accused fled the scene. The child was later discovered by family members but died as a result of her injuries.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charges but State Advocate Zandile Gloria Mshololo pointed out to the court that this was only done due to the overwhelming DNA evidence against him.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder and rape charges and 5 years each for the housebreaking and kidnapping charges.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Advocate Moipone Noko, 'I trust that sentences of this nature will have the desired deterrent effect. It is most unfortunate that an innocent life was lost.'

Kind Regards,

Natasha Kara

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