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RE: 22 YEAR OLD MAN SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS AND 51 YEARS MORE FOR HIS CRIMES

On 8 February 2017, the Port Elizabeth High Court sentenced Andre Tieman (22) from Uitenhage to two life terms for raping and killing a 14 year-old girl and hid her body in his shack for 4 days. It is revealed in court papers that on 27 April 2016 the father of the deceased sent her to the shops. The deceased took her father's phone with her. It was on the street that the accused met the deceased and told her that she must go with him in order for her to fetch her mother's cell phone which he had fixed. According to court papers this was a lie in order to lure the deceased to his room.

Once in the room the accused raped her. Whilst doing so he strangled her and when he was done he realised that she was dead and covered her body with clothes, cloths, curtains and loose planks that were in the shack. He also took the cell phone she had with her and used it. The deceased also sustained a blunt force head injury. On 01 May 2016 the police discovered her body in the accused's shack. On 03 May 2016 a post mortem examination was performed on the body and the cause of death was determined to be not inconsistent with blunt force head injury and suffocation could not be ruled out.

The accused did not show any remorse during the trial and the judge found him guilty on the count of rape, murder and theft and sentenced him to two life terms and further imposed maximum sentence of 51 years in prison. The state represented by Advocate Garth Baartman was able to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt.

Kind Regards,

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