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RE: RAPIST GETS 25 YEARS

A 29 year-old man was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment in the Esikhawini Regional Court last week after being convicted for the rape of an 11 year-old girl. The incident took place in the Madlankhala area near Esikhawini.

The accused was a neighbour to the complainant and her family. He raped the child while they were watching TV.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Esmeralda Royappen led the testimonies of the complainant and her grandmother as well as medical evidence. Court Preparation Officer, Ntombi Chonco facilitated victim impact statements that were compiled by the complainant and her aunt. The complainant drew pictures depicting her life before and after the incident. The 'before' drawing shows the girl smiling, while the 'after' drawing showed her sad and crying. The child stated that since the rape she cries often and cannot concentrate at school. In her statement, her aunt mentioned that the rape has affected their family as they trusted the accused.

Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN, Advocate Moipone Noko: 'Justice has indeed been done. The accused abused his position of trust and took advantage of the child.'

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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