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RE: 25 YEARS FOR RAPIST FATHER

A 34 year-old man from KaNyamazane was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for raping his five year old daughter by the Nelspruit Regional Court earlier today. The accused person's name cannot be revealed to protect the image of the child.

The incident happened between 2011- 2012 before the parents of the victim separated in 2014. The victim's mother noticed the child drawing pictures of a male private part hanging around a neck. When she questioned the child, she revealed that she was repeatedly raped by her father. The matter was reported to the police and the accused was arrested.

During trial, the court relied on the evidence of six witnesses, including the evidence of the victim who testified with the assistance of an intermediary. A medical report also confirmed that the victim was raped.

In aggravation of sentence, Prosecutor Thulani Msibi, told the court that the victim was raped by her own father who was supposed to care, protect and provide for her. The victim trusted him as the father like any child who would have trusted their own father.

In sentencing the accused, the court considered the time the accused spent in prison. He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for rape and another 5 years for sexual assault of a minor. The court further ordered his name to be entered into the National Register for Sexual Offenders and was found unsuitable to work with children.

The NPA welcomed the conviction and sentence.

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