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RE: STEPFATHER GETS SENTENCE FOR RAPE

Petrus Morapedi Nqozi (25) was sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment in the Kimberley Sexual Offence Court on Friday, 24 July 2015 for the rape of a fourteen year-old girl which occurred on the 17th of June 2013.

On the day of the incident, the victim was watching television with her younger brother, then Nqozi came to the house and join the children in the lounge and he was busy drinking beer. After a while the victim told Nqozi that she is going to sleep and asked him to tell her uncle to come and lock the door when he leaves.

The victim woke up because of pains on her private parts and she noticed that her panty was on the legs and Nqozi was still lying next to her. The victim went outside to the backroom to tell her uncle of what had happened. The uncle and another man came into the house, they confronted and assaulted the accused. The police were contacted and the accused was arrested.

During trial, the court found his version to be vague and unconvincing and consequently rejected it. He was as the result convicted as charged.

Adv Ntombekaya Fanayo argued that the accused was trusted by the victim as he was her stepfather and he had abused the position of trust that existed between them as daughter and stepfather. The victim was 14 years-old when the incident occurred and because of her age the prosecutor, Adv Fanayo asked for life imprisonment but the court sentenced him to 15 years direct imprisonment.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes this sentence. It is our mandate to protect the rights of the vulnerables such as children and women.

Kind Regards,

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