

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: MAN GETS 15 YEARS FOR RAPE OF A MINOR**

Mmabatho Regional Court sentenced a nineteen year old man to fifteen years in prison. The accused was eighteen years old when he raped the 8 year old minor.

It was reported that on the 26 July 2014 in Lomanyaneng village near Mahikeng, "Neo" [not her real name] was playing with her friend at the place of her residence.

"Neo" and her friend went to the shops and came back to her house. She was then called by her aunt and was sent to buy a cold drink. After delivery of the cold drink she continued playing at her friend's place.

The accused arrived while she was still playing with her friends and took her to a vandalised house and raped her. She then went back home and told her mother about the incident. She was taken to hospital and the case was opened at the police station. The accused was arrested.

During the trial the accused denied ever meeting the child, knowing or even raping her. The court found that the accused's version to be improbable in that the child knew the accused and what he does for a living. In fact he stays in the same street with the victim.

The court accepted the evidence of the victim and the DNA matched the accused and was found guilty of rape on the Tuesday, 28 July 2015 at Mmabatho Regional Court.

NPA congratulates Advocate Ronald Ngako for the job well done and welcomes the sentence. It is our mandate to protect the rights of the vulnerable such as children and women.

Kind Regards,

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