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RE: TWO MEN GET 15 YEARS FOR RAPE

The Kimberley Regional Court sentenced Raymond Witbooi (23) and Lorenzo Jacobs (22) to 15 years imprisonment each on Tuesday, 28 July 2015 for rape of a minor child, who was 16 years old at the time of the offence.

The incident happened in November 2010 after both accused and the victim finished writing grade 12 examinations, they all went to a friend's shack and started drinking.

After drinking, both accused decided to take turns in raping the victim whilst assisting each other by holding the victim's hands. Both accused left the scene. The victim later reported the matter to the police and they were arrested.

During sentencing Prosecutor Ntombekaya Fanayo handed a victim impact report wherein social worker indicated that the victim decided to isolate herself from other people, she couldn't stop thinking about what happened to her and she started to take drugs in order to try to forget about the incident.

In sentencing the accused persons, Magistrate Jesse Clarke said that the accused were convicted of a serious offence and they deserve a harsh sentence. Both accused were sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment and the court also ordered that Raymond Witbooi should be recorded in the National Register For Sex Offenders (NRSO). He further declared him unfit to work with children.

NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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