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TO: ALL MEDIA

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RE: FORMER TEACHER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE

The Protea Magistrate Court sentenced a 44 Innocent Skosana (44) to life imprisonment for raping a 10 year old boy yesterday, 29 July 2015.

Skosana, a former primary school teacher was arrested in November last year. He ordered the pupil to stay behind after school for detention for damaging a textbook. It is during this period that the child was ordered to undress and was raped.

The boy's ordeal was uncovered by a relative who noticed that the child was not physically well shortly after he got home. Upon examining the child, his parents rushed him to the nearest police station, where they were referred to the Nthabiseng Thuthuzela Care Centre in Chris Hani-Baragwanath Hospital. The hospital confirmed that the boy had been sexually assaulted and the teacher was then arrested. DNA evidence extracted from the child directly linked Skosana to the crime.

The fact that the accused was a teacher placed him in a position of trust and he misused this to lure the child and took advantage of his vulnerability. In praying for a sentence that would befit the crime, the State argued that rapes of minors, especially by people they trust and look up to, are on the increase and that the courts have a reciprocal duty to protect children by imposing harsher sentences.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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