

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 30 JULY 2015

RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IMPROSENMENMENT

A thirty year old man (30) was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in the Verulam Regional court yesterday, 29 July 2015 for the rape of his 14 year old neighbour.

When he worked a night shift, the accused would ask the complainant and her sibling to stay over and guard his house as the area that they lived in was rife with crime. The incident occurred on one of these nights when the accused returned home from work. He found the two sleeping children and threatened the complainant with a knife and raped her. When her screams woke her sibling, the accused pushed the complainant out of his house, instructing her in a threatening manner not to tell anyone about what had happened.

The girl immediately ran home and reported the incident and the accused was arrested.

In aggravation of sentence, regional court prosecutor Kaystree Ramsamujh submitted that the accused had taken advantage of the complainant by raping her, as she was doing him a favour by guarding his house in his absence.

In a victim impact statement facilitated by court preparation officer Bongiwe Qwabe, the complainant mentioned that the incident made her embarrassed to face her family and her teachers at school.

The court sentenced the accused to 20 years imprisonment without parole. His name will also be entered into the National Register for Sex Offenders.

The Directorate of Public Prosecutions in Kwa Zulu Natal welcomes the sentence.

Kind regards,

Natasha Kara

Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN

nramkisson@npa.gov.za

071 670 0229