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RE: BISHOP ZONDO BACK IN COURT

The 55-year-old head of the Rivers of Living Waters Ministries, Archbishop Stephen Bafana Zondo, will appear on Monday 23 August at the Pretoria High Court on charges of rape, contravening the Sexual Offences Act as well as defeating the ends of justice.

It is alleged that one of the victims that Bishop Zondo, who faces nine counts, allegedly repeatedly raped is a family member. It is alleged that Bishop Zondo raped the victim in 1980 while she was eight or nine years old while other victims that were allegedly raped and/or sexual assaulted by him were members of his congregation.

The matter is expected to sit from 23 August to 17 September 2021 at Court GA.

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