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RE: BOYFRIEND SENTENCED TO THREE LIFE TERMS FOR RAPING HIS GIRLFRIEND

A 27 year-old man from Kgubetswana Township in Clarens was on Friday sentenced to three life terms plus additional 10 years after he was convicted of rape and attempted murder of his 22 year-old girlfriend by the Bethlehem Regional Court. Magistrate ES Morolong sentenced Calvin Motaung for raping the victim multiple times during the period 26-29 April 2018.

Motaung locked his girlfriend in his house after a quarrel over alcohol and forced himself on her without her consent. The victim sustained multiple stab wounds to her head after she was assaulted by the accused with a sheer scissor. The victim escaped after four days when the accused went to the nearest shop to buy her pain tablets after she had complained of pain.

She informed some community members of what happened and the matter was reported to the police. The accused was arrested on the same day. The accused pleaded not guilty to all the counts. He claimed that the intercourse was consensual but changed his version with regard to how the complainant sustained the injuries.

State Prosecutor, Ntai Letaba requested the court to reject the version of the accused as the complainant sustained injuries that were inflicted on her when the accused wanted her to comply to his sexual demands. "The accused changed his version three time regarding how the complainant sustained the injuries. He viciously assaulted her because he wanted her to comply to his sexual demands", said Letaba.

Letaba requested the court to impose a life sentence on the accused because the country is currently experience a high rate of rape by people who are supposed to

protect women. Letaba stated that the accused did not provide the court with substantial and compelling circumstances for imposition of a lesser sentence.

Magistrate Morolong concurred with Letaba that the only appropriate sentence the court could impose on the accused was life imprisonment. He subsequently sentenced the accused to three life terms for rape and 10 years for attempted murder.

The magistrate also declared Motaung unfit to possess a firearm.

Kind Regards,

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