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RE: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY COLLECTOR SENTENCED

The Parow Sexual Offences Court sentenced Heinrich Bosman to 10 years imprisonment following his conviction for possession of thousands of images of child pornography.

Bosman pleaded guilty after the prosecutor, Dercia Rabie, built up a strong case against him. Rabie told the court that Bosman, in his 50s, parked his vehicle outside a primary school in Parow and made inappropriate comments to learners. This happened as parents dropped their children at the school. The school complained about his presence and behaviour. He was arrested outside the school yard and taken to his house where police confiscated his laptop and found 5 432 images of child pornography in the device.

Rabie said Bosman posed as a threat to the sexual well-being of children.

"It is common knowledge that sexual offences, including offences related to child pornography are not easily detected. It is no secret that in the digital era the existence and production of child pornography constitutes the vilest possible form of degradation, exploitation and abuse of children. It's generally accepted that children are the most vulnerable members of society and crimes perpetrated against them are usually highly disturbing and lead to heightened outrage in societies where they are committed. Public perception is that our courts trivialize possession of child pornography. This crime is heinous and despicable always resulting in public outrage. The number of images found in his possession indicates that he is a collector of child pornography. The sexual interest of the accused will remain present throughout his lifetime which makes him a danger to society. The duty of the court is to protect global society against the accused," she successfully argued.

The court agreed and sentenced him to a long imprisonment term and further ordered that his name be entered into the National Register for Sex Offenders.

The NPA welcomed the sentence.

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