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RE : CHILD RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE

The Pretoria High Court sentenced an accused person who is related to the victim to two life imprisonment sentences in respect of two counts of rape and kidnapping.

During the evening of 9 August 2014, a four year-old child victim had gone with her mother to check on their family friend's sick child who died later on the same day. While the adults were mourning inside the house and making funeral arrangements, the child victim played outside the house with friends. The accused who was also a family member was present.

At some stage, the accused left with the victim. Later on the same evening, the mother of the victim noticed that the victim, as well as the accused, were missing and they started looking for the child.

The accused had taken the victim to a secluded place where he raped her and left her to fend for herself. She was later found near a tavern. The complainant sustained injuries and was hospitalized

The accused denied the allegations against him forcing the child victim to testify through the use of the intermediary, Ms Lillian Magongwa and relive the horror of the attack.

In aggravation of sentence, Advocate Bakedi Maoke submitted the victim impact report explaining that the child was traumatized and that she no longer wanted to play with her friends outside, out of fear that she could be raped again.

The NPA stays committed in prosecuting those who undermine children's rights and will stop at nothing to see that children realise justice.

Kind Regards,

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