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RE: DOUBLE LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPE OF DAUGHTERS

The Ntuzuma Regional Court sentenced a 44-year-old Inanda man to two terms of life imprisonment for the repeated rape of his two biological daughters.

The man who has a speech and hearing impairment, raped his older daughter from the time she was five years old until she was 15 years old; and he raped his six-year-old daughter on different occasions. He raped them at night, in their family home where they lived with his wife and their other children. He did this unbeknown to his wife who is also speech and hearing impaired. Both children were initially afraid to report the matter.

Then, in January 2019 whilst the 6-year-old victim was playing with her friend, she mentioned what her father was doing. The conversation was overheard by an adult neighbour. The matter was reported to a community leader and a case was opened. It is at this stage that the older daughter also disclosed her encounters with her father.

The man denied the allegations throughout court proceedings.

The Regional Court Prosecutor, Jenisha Sewbaran led the evidence of the victims, the neighbour, police officers, and the doctor who examined the children after the incidents were reported.

Victim Impact Statements compiled by the victims and facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Xolile Mzobe were submitted to the court in aggravation of sentence. One victim said that her father was selfish and that his actions had hurt them a lot. The other victim said that her father should not come back home as he may repeat his actions.

The NPA welcomes the successful prosecution.

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