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RE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACCUSED COUPLE GRANTED BAIL

The Uitenhage Magistrates Court released on warning a married couple (38 and 32) accused of trafficking infant twin girls as they were unable to pay bail.

Their co-accused, a 35-year-old mother, was denied bail because her physical address could not be established. The three, all from Uitenhage are charged with four counts of human trafficking.

It is alleged that while the 35-year-old woman was pregnant, she reached an agreement with the couple to sell her unborn child to them in exchange for R50 per day, the monthly SASSA child support grant and other items like food and stress medication. She was unaware that she was pregnant with twins.

She gave birth to twin girls. It is alleged that when she was discharged from hospital the following day, she gave her twins to the unemployed couple.

The three were arrested on 02 June 2021. A medical examination revealed that the babies were malnourished, underweight and that one of them had cellulitis bacterial infection under one arm.

The case was postponed to 26 July 2021 for further investigation.

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