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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPIST**

A forty three year old man, Mandlaenkosi Goodwill Mncube was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court yesterday for raping a relative in 2011.

The girl, who was 10 years old at the time, was raped in the early hours of News Years' day when she went outside to use the bathroom. When her aunty went out looking for her, she found the child in a dishevelled and dazed state. She asked the child what was wrong and the child remained silent. On checking the child's genitals she found that the child had been sexually abused. The child then told her what had happened.

The doctor who testified in the case informed the court that the child had been raped before as there was bruising and scars to her genital area. The girl gave evidence that the accused had raped her previously when she would come home early from school.

The state prosecutor, Mariam Aboobaker, handed in a victim impact statement to the court, wherein the child wrote, 'I did not pass school because I was thinking about this incident. I was very clever in school and used to pass but I ended up failing and my school performance went down. My school teachers used to tell me how intelligent I was and that I could easily grasp information that I was taught but now I am unable to do that anymore.'

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN, Adv M Noko welcomes the sentence. 'The sentence is appropriate given that the Accused was in a position of trust and he betrayed that trust and responsibility. Going beyond child protection week, this ruling is indicative of the NPA's continued commitment to fighting crime.'

Kind Regards,

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