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RE: LIMPOPO MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE PLUS FIVE YEARS

A 43 year-old man, Andries Nthambeleni Mulaudzi, has been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment and five years by the Sibasa Regional Court. Mulaudzi was found guilty of rape and kidnapping of a 19 year-old girl. The court ordered that the victim's name be withheld to avoid secondary victimisation.

During the trial, the court heard that on 18 March 2016, the complainant was at a local tavern, drinking with her friends. The accused came and took her by force. The complainant was beaten and threatened by Mulaudzi.

The two witnesses tried to intervene, however, the accused overpowered them. He carried her to an unused house where he forcefully undressed and raped her. The two witnesses called the police and the complainant was taken to hospital.

Mulaudzi maintained his innocence and pleaded not guilty.

In mitigation, the defence sought a lenient sentence and focused on the fact that Mulaudzi had been under the influence of alcohol during the commission of the crimes.

In aggravation of sentence, Advocate Rabelani Mutsinda Makhera told the court that there were no compelling and substantial reasons for the court to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence. He further argued that the accused is likely to commit another serious crime as he has a previous conviction of assault with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm.

The Acting Regional Magistrate Singo agreed with the state and sentenced him to life imprisonment and five years. Both sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Ivy Thenga welcomes the sentence and commended the work of SAPS and the prosecutor.

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