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RE: LEARNER TRANSPORT DRIVER SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR RAPE OF LEARNER

The Wynberg Magistrate's Court sentenced learner transport driver, Luvuyo Gerald Hendricks, to two life sentences after convicting him on two counts of rape of a minor with disabilities.

It ordered that his name be entered into the National Register of Sex Offenders and declared him unfit to possess a firearm.

Sexual offences prosecutor, Alicia Meredith, told the court that the victim was a patient at Cape Mental Health at the time and although she was 14 years old, she functioned as a five year old. The accused, 54, who was also a pastor and owned a crèche, transported the victim to and from school.

On the morning of 4 August 2016, he stopped his vehicle near business premises in Philippi and raped the victim. When he spotted a police vehicle driving by, he got out of the vehicle and pretended that his vehicle had a mechanical failure. On closer inspection, the police found the victim in the passenger seat of the vehicle with no underwear and shoes. She told them that the accused has raped her. Police arrested him. He was also linked to the crime through injuries and DNA.

"I am very pleased with the sentence. I hope that this will serve as a deterrent to others who might think of doing the same. The mother of the victim enlisted the services of the accused because he was a pastor not knowing that he will break that trust and rape the victim," said Meredith in welcoming the sentence.

The NPA welcomes this sentence as it reinforces its commitment in the fight against gender based violence and crimes against women and children.

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