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RE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR 34 YEAR-OLD FATHER GUILTY OF RAPE

Last week, a 34-year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment after pleading guilty to the rape of his daughter. The incident occurred in the George area of Emanguzi, where the accused lived with his family. He repeatedly raped their 13-year-old daughter when his wife was away. The child eventually confided in a teacher who alerted the police and the accused was arrested in December last year.

In aggravation of sentence, Regional Court Prosecutor Mandlenkosi Mawande Mtukushe handed in a Victim Impact Statement compiled by the victim and her mother, and facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Mandisa Sikakane. Both statements tell of the trauma experienced by the victim. The fact that she was taken away from her family and moved to a place of safety, only added to her trauma.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Advocate Elaine Zungu welcomes the sentence and conviction in light of the current spate of gender-based violence cases in the country.

Kind Regards,

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