

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPIST**

A 49 year-old man was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court last week for the rape of a 15 year -old girl. The incident took place in the Amahlongwa area near Umkomaas in 2015.

The accused was in a love relationship with the mother of the mentally challenged complainant. On the day of the incident, the child's mother had gone to a meeting and left the child in the care of the accused. He bought the child a cool drink and some cakes and then raped her. He also gave her R100.

The incident was uncovered when the child was spotted spending this large sum of money at school. She was questioned and her mother and the police were alerted.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Sibusiso Mhlongo led the testimonies of the complainant, a clinical psychologist and the district surgeon. Since the child's mother had passed away by then, Mhlongo led the evidence of the police official who had taken the mother's statement.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The KZN Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Moipone Noko: 'It is very distressing to note that a person who was in a position of trust committed such an offence against the child he was meant to be protecting. I am satisfied that justice has been done.'

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN**

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