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RE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPIST

A 44 year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court yesterday after being convicted of the rape of a 9 year-old girl.

The incident occurred in the Ntshongweni area in Hammarsdale in 2015. The accused was in a relationship with the child's aunt and committed the offence when he had gone to visit his girlfriend. She was not at home and he called the child into the house and raped her.

The child immediately reported the incident and the accused was arrested shortly after. During trial, Regional Court Prosecutor Zinhle Sokhela led the testimonies of four witnesses including the doctor who presented medical evidence.

Victim impact statements compiled by the complainant and her mother facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Thobe Chuene were handed in to the court as well. The accused was convicted of rape and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN Advocate Moipone Noko had this to say, 'I am really pleased with this sentence. Justice has indeed been done. I hope that sentences of this nature will deter would-be offenders.'

Kind Regards,

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