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RE: LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPIST

A 39 year-old man was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court last week for the rape of a 6 year-old girl. The incident took place in the Sibanini area near Hibberdene last year.

The accused lived in the same area as the complainant and the incident occurred when the girl went to his house for a haircut. After cutting her hair, the accused led the child into his house where he raped her. The child did not immediately report the incident and two weeks later, her mother noticed that she was uncomfortable. On questioning, the child revealed that the accused had raped her. She was then taken to a doctor.

In court, Regional Court Prosecutor Sibusiso Mhlongo led the testimonies of the complainant and her mother (as the first report) as well as the evidence of the doctor. The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The KZN Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Moipone Noko welcomed the sentence and made the following comment, "I really hope that this sentence will assist in addressing the scourge of sexual offences. The disturbing factor here is that the accused was old enough to be the child's father and should have known better than to take advantage of her innocence."

Kind Regard

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