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RE: LIFE AND THREE YEARS FOR RAPIST FATHER

A 45 year-old man from Inanda was sentenced to life and three years' imprisonment in the Ntuzuma Regional Court last week for the rape and assault of his teenage biological daughter.

The girl's parents did not live together and the child went to live with her father in June 2017. Even though he had a girlfriend, the accused insisted that the child sleep in the same bed with him. From then until last year, the accused repeatedly raped and assaulted the girl. She eventually ran away, going back to her mother where she reported the incidents.

A medical examination revealed that the child was pregnant. The pregnancy was subsequently terminated. In court, state advocate Cheryl Pillay led DNA evidence from the foetus linking the accused to the rape. Advocate Pillay also submitted a victim impact statement compiled by the complainant and facilitated by court preparation officer Xolile Mzobe. In her statement, the child mentions the physical, mental and psychological trauma she endured at the hands of her father who was supposed to be her protector.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape and three years' imprisonment for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The effective sentence will be life imprisonment.

Kind Regards,

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