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RE: MAN GETS LIFE FOR RAPING A MINOR

The Piet Retief Regional Court sentenced Lindokuhle Madonsela (23) from New Stand in Piet Retief, to life imprisonment for raping a 16-year-old minor.

Madonsela was initially charged with five other minors but they were later acquitted due to insufficient evidence.

In November 2017, the victim was walking in Driefontein with her three friends when they were chased by a group of men.

Her friends managed to outrun them but she was caught and taken to a secluded area where she was gang raped.

The incident was reported to the police the next day and the victim was only able to identify Madonsela. He was subsequently arrested.

Madonsela did not dispute that he had sexual intercourse with the minor but claimed that they were in a love relationship. He further denied that he was part of the group who gang raped her.

A DNA report linking Madonsela with the offence was also presented.

The state advocate, Marlin Cairncross argued that the victim's identification of Madonsela as one of the assailants was trustworthy and credible. The court rejected Madonsela's version and accepted the state's submission, in particular that gang rape is one of the worst forms of rape. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomed the conviction and sentence.

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