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RE: MAN SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS FOR RAPING MINORS

A 38 year-old man from Peddie, Xola Mayedwa, was sentenced to two life terms for raping two girls by the Bhisho High Court.

The two girls were nine and eleven years when they were raped in September 2018.

On 15 September 2018 in Peddie, the three children aged between nine and eleven years were playing with each other when Mayedwa lured them to his home. Once the children entered his home he locked the door and started raping one of them, who was nine years old at the time.

As he was raping her, the 11-year-old tried to physically stop him. However, he assaulted her, hitting her on the face with a fist. Once he finished raping the nine year-old, he then raped the eleven year-old.

The third child, a nine-year-old girl, hid behind a couch as he raped the other two. Fortunately, she was not raped.

The children managed to escape and reported the crimes to a member of the community. Mayedwa was arrested the following day by the Peddie police.

The prosecutor, Advocate Vatiswa Jodwana-Blayi, said Mayedwa was in a position of trust as he lived in the same neighbourhood as the children and they therefore trusted him. "He betrayed the children, they went into his house because they trusted him. He also showed no remorse throughout the trial," she said.

She also commended Peddie police detectives as they went out of their way to ensure that Mayedwa was present in court on all court dates because he was out on bail. One of

his bail conditions at the time was that he relocate from Peddie. He relocated from Peddie to Alice.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

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