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RE: MAN SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE

The Local Division of Limpopo High Court sitting in Thohoyandou sentenced Ndivhuwo Bulannga (22) of Lwamondo village in the District of Vuwani to 24 years imprisonment for three counts of rape.

The court heard that on 02 November 2014, the three minor children aged 6 and 8 were playing next to the accused's homestead when he requested them to accompany him to a local dam to fetch some items. The accused also requested a young boy to join them. Upon their arrival at the dam, the accused showed the minors pornographic photos from his mobile phone. While the girls were busy watching the photos, he asked the boy to stand guard and he took turns to rape the girls.

The accused later released the complainants and told them to return home. Upon their arrival, the young boy reported the incident to their parents. The complainants were taken to hospital for examination where it was confirmed that they were sexually penetrated.

During trial, the accused denied the allegations against him and the court rejected his version and proceeded to find him guilty as charged.

During sentencing, Advocate Ratshilumela Makhera submitted that the accused betrayed the trust that the young children had in him and that he exploited their vulnerability. He further submitted that the scars left on the complainants will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

When passing the sentence, Judge Kgomo indicated that this type of offence traumatized the complainants. He further indicated that it was more aggravating that minor children were raped by a person that they trusted and the accused did not show any remorse.

The court sentenced him to 24 years imprisonment for each count of rape and ordered the sentences to run concurrently.

Kind Regards,

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