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RE: MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE

The Mankweng Regional court sentenced Frans Makhubela (34) to 25 years' imprisonment for a rape conviction.

The court heard that on the night of the incident the complainant was with her friends at a local tavern in Nobody. After a while when she later decided to go home, the accused offered to accompany her as it was late in the night.

When they arrived at the complainant homestead, the accused insisted on getting inside the house, without the complainant's permission. He turned aggressive, pushed her to the bedroom, and raped her.

In his defence, the accused pleaded not guilty alleging that the sexual intercourse was consensual. However, the court rejected his version and found him guilty as charged.

In aggravation of sentence, the State Prosecutor, Ruth Mpande drew the courts attention to the Victim Impact Report as well as the pre-sentence report which confirmed that the accused invaded the privacy of the complainant and violated her dignity by raping her in her own bedroom where she should feel safe.

In handing down judgement, the court found that they were no substantial and compelling circumstances that justified the court to deviate from the minimum prescribed sentence and sentenced him 25 years' imprisonment.

The DPP, Advocate Ivy Thenga commended the investigating team and the prosecutor, Ruth Mpande for their persistence in ensuring that the accused is brought to book for his unlawful and wrongful conduct and she further remarked that hopefully this will serve as a deterrence to other offenders in the surrounding and neighboring communities.

Kind Regards,

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