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RE: RAPIST GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Nduduzo Ngobese, 27 years-old, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court yesterday for the rape he committed in April 2014.

The incident occurred when the 15 year-old complainant walked past the taxi rank in the Azalea Township on her way to the salon. The accused (who was unknown to her) grabbed her from the back and asked her for a cell phone. She told him that she did not have a phone. He then took her by force to his house.

Whilst the complainant fought back, the accused managed to overpower her and only released her after he had raped her.

She did not initially report the incident to her mother as she was still in a state of shock. She eventually wrote her a letter indicating that she did not feel safe anymore as it is not safe to even go to the salon. Her mother then, together with the girl's sister, asked the complainant what happened.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment after regional court prosecutor, Mariam Aboobaker argued that the defence had proved nothing substantial and compelling to warrant a deviation.

The state presented the court with a victim impact statement wherein the victim told the court: "This problem is destroying my life. It was not my mistake. I was an open person and I loved people but now it is very hard to trust anyone. I do not want to see this person that raped me. I hope that he will be sitting in prison for a very long time because he destroyed my life."

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes this sentence. It is our mandate to protect the rights of the people of South Africa especially the vulnerable such as children and women.

Kind Regards,

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