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RE: MURDERER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Itsoseng Regional Court sentenced Abram Mosete to life imprisonment and 22 months. He was convicted on 1 count of rape, 1 count of escape from lawful custody and 1 count of injury to property.

On 21 July 2013, the accused damaged a fence belonging to Itsoseng Public Works and was then arrested. He escaped from lawful custody on 22 July 2013 and raped a minor girl who was mentally ill on 27 July 2013.

The state was represented by Advocate Benny Kalakgosi. During sentencing, he submitted that the accused was not remorseful in that he subjected his victim to secondary victimization, pleading not guilty and forcing her to come and testify the whole ordeal.

Advocate Kalakgosi further argued that there were no compelling and substantive reasons to deviate from the minimum prescribed sentence. He said the accused pleaded not guilty to all charges.

In handing down the sentence, Magistrate Samuel Lephadi stated that the Itsoseng community was outraged by the offences of rape and thereby relying in the courts to impose appropriate sentences.

The court sentenced Mosete to life imprisonment on the count of rape, 18 months on the count of escaping from lawful custody and 4 months for the count of malicious damage to property.

The DPP in North West, Advocate Johan Smit SC welcomes the sentence and applauds the excellent work done by Advocate Kalakgosi.

Kind Regards,

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