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RE: NEIGHBOUR SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR RAPE OF A MINOR

Last week, the Senwabarwana Regional Court in Limpopo sentenced a 24 year-old man to life imprisonment after he was found guilty on a count of rape.

According to evidence presented in court, on 08 November 2015, the minor child, aged 11 was passing along the street together with her sibling on her back when her neighbour called her to his homestead. Upon her arrival the accused ordered the complainant to enter the house and put the child down. The accused then put the child on the bed whilst undressing her. He proceeded to rape the child after which he told her to leave along with the sibling.

The complainant's grandmother noticed that the child was walking with difficulty and asked her for explanation. She was then taken to the doctor where it was confirmed that she was sexually penetrated.

During the trial, the accused pleaded not guilty to the charge. However, the state presented DNA evidence linking him to the offence. The court found him guilty as charged.

In aggravating of sentence State Prosecutor, Leshabane Moyahabo urged the court to take into consideration that the offence of rape, particularly of underage children is prevalent in the province. She further prayed to the court to impose the prescribed minimum sentence. The court concurred and sentenced him to life term imprisonment.

The DPP, Advocate Ivy Thenga said that the sentence will serve as a deterrent to like-minded rapists who intend targeting defenceless women and children.

Kind Regards,

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