

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST FATHER SENTENCED TO LIFE**

A 36 year-old man from the Kwabanoyi area in Ndwedwe was given a term of life imprisonment in the Verulam Regional Court this week after being convicted for the continuous rape of his biological daughter on many occasions during the period 2014 to 2016.

The complainant lived with her father after her parents separated as the school she attended was closer. This was also a request by the accused at the time of the split.

The child eventually reported the incident to her mother and the authorities were alerted. The accused, however, maintained his innocence.

In court, the child told how the accused had convinced her that engaging in sexual intercourse with him was the right thing to do according to the Bible.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Ishara Sewnarayan handed in to the court the complainant's victim impact statement which was facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Bongiwe Qwabe. Here the child detailed how the incident had traumatised her and changed her life forever.

In aggravation of sentence, Sewnarayan requested that the court not deviate from the minimum sentence as the accused had breached his sacred duty as a parent and became a molester. The court couldn't find anything substantial to justify a deviation from the minimum sentence and the accused was sentenced accordingly.

Welcoming the sentence, the DPP in KZN, Advocate Moipone Noko said, "I trust this sentence sends out the necessary preventative message. It is distressing to know that

the child was violated by the very person she should be looking to for protection from harm.”

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN**

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