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**RE: RAPIST GETS 16 YEARS DIRECT IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPING
A MINOR**

On Thursday, 25 January 2018, Nelspruit Regional Court sentenced Caiphus Nyambi (66) of Matsulu to 16 years imprisonment for raping a seven year- old girl.

On 30 November 2013, the victim was walking and was called by Caiphus who is known as a neighbour to her. He took her into his house and raped her.

The victim did not report the matter to anyone as she was not aware of what was happening to her due to her young age. Her older sister noticed blood stains in her underwear and questioned her about it. After she told her sister about her ordeal, the matter was reported to the police and the accused was arrested.

During the trial, the accused pleaded not guilty to the offence however the Regional Court Prosecutor, Magda Marais, led evidence of a child victim who testified with the assistance of a court intermediary, the evidence of her sister. The state further led evidence of a biological mother of a victim as well as the evidence of the medical expert.

During sentencing, the court found substantial and compelling circumstances to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence and the accused was sentenced to 16 years direct imprisonment.

The NPA Welcomes the sentence and will continue to protect the rights of vulnerable members of society by imposing harsh sentences to would- be rapists.

Kind Regards,

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