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RE: RAPIST GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

On 09 May 2017, the Parow Regional Court sentenced Koos Klein to life imprisonment after convicting him on counts of rape, attempted rape and exposing himself to young girls. Klein who has a previous conviction of indecent assault in 1995 and another conviction of rape in 2011, was released on parole in 2015.

After his release on parole in Laingsburg, he moved to Cape Town and lived in the same yard with the families of three of his four victims. Last year, the accused called two of his four victims, aged eight and nine years old, to his shack and exposed himself to them while lying in his bed. He asked them to lick his private parts. The children ran out and immediately reported him to their parents. They confronted him, but he denied this and the parents left the matter as they felt nothing happened to the children. Both mothers testified to this.

Few weeks after this incident, the accused approached two other minor children while they were walking to the shop. They were a boy and a girl. He asked to walk with him as he is going to sell shoes. He told the boy to leave. The boy testified for the state. The accused took the victim across a river by means of walking over stones which she could not cross by herself. On the other side of the river, he relieved himself and then forced the girl to perform oral sex on him. He then raped her. He was disturbed by two males who approached them and the victim called for help.

They did not hear her, but a man known to the victim was not far behind and he heard her calling. The accused got up and walked away whilst the victim ran towards the help and reported the incident. The victim was taken home, and the family took her to the police to report the matter. The accused later came and denied raping the victim and event told the police that they can take the victim to a doctor as he had done nothing to her.

Yolanda Pretorius, Parow Regional Court prosecutor who successfully prosecuted the matter, said, the accused denied even raping and attempting to rape the children. "He testified that the girl followed him and he told her to go with the witness that found them on the road. The accused testified when cross-examined that the victim decided to fabricate the story at that time when she saw the witness coming towards them. He also testified that he was going to sell the shoes to the two males that passed but when confronted he then retracted and said that he didn't see them. I argued for a strong sentence and I'm happy that the court sentenced him to life imprisonment," Pretorius said.

Klein was convicted on two counts of exposing himself to a nine year old boy, an eight year old girl, raping an eight year old girl and attempting to rape an eight year old girl. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment for counts one and two and life imprisonment for counts three and four taken together.

Kind Regards,

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