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RE: RAPIST GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT

The Tzaneen Regional Court sentenced Solly Nkuna (30) last week to life imprisonment after convicting him on a count of rape of a nine year-old minor.

The incident happened at Letsitele farm, DEE side on 28 of February 2015 where the families of the accused and the victim resided. The grandmother confronted the victim who disclosed her sexual relations with accused. The police got involved in the rape matter and the accused was arrested.

He tendered a plea of consent. During trial, the court heard that the accused had a relationship with a child victim. He gave the child victim money and he bought her a cell phone until the grandmother became aware and reprimanded the accused.

Regional Court prosecutor, Rikhotso Paul led the evidence of the minor who testified that she had a relationship with the accused and consented to sexual intercourse. The DNA results positively linked the accused to the rape. In aggravation of sentence Rikhotso submitted that this conduct amounted to grooming the child victim who was lured to give consent to sexual intercourse.

The court sentenced him to life imprisonment and ordered that the accused's name be entered into the National Register for Sex Offenders. The accused was also deemed unfit to work with children and unsuitable to possess a firearm.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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