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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS

A 40 year-old man from Bloemfontein was today sentenced to two life terms after he was convicted on two counts of rape, two counts of contravening the SAPS Act, two counts of kidnapping and one count of abduction. Magistrate Jan Greyvensteyn sentenced Andries Mpho Mohono to an effective two life terms after he convicted him on two counts of rape, two counts of contravening the SAPS Act (impersonating a police officer), two counts of kidnapping and one count of abduction.

The court heard that in the early hours of 25 December 2013, the complainant and her friends were at tavern in Kagisanong when Mohono, who pretended to be a police officer, told them that the complainant was not supposed to be at the tavern because she is under-age. He chased the friends away and took the complainant to a secluded place where he raped her.

In the second incident, the complainant and an 8 year-old girl were walking to church in Theunissen when Mohono stopped his car next to them, told them that he was a police officer before forcing them into the car. He drove to a secluded place and raped the complainant before letting them go.

Mohono, who is already serving a 15 year jail term for raping another woman in Phuthaditjhaba, was linked to the two rape cases by DNA.

The complainant in the Theunissen case could not be traced but she had already done the DNA test, compiled a victim impact statement and had been examined by the doctor who compiled a medical examination report.

The State Prosecutor, Advocate Tammy Bruce made an application for her evidence to be admitted on a hearsay basis and the application was granted. Advocate Bruce described Mohono as an opportunistic person who preyed on vulnerable people. "The accused has ruined lives of two young children. He is a dangerous person and young children are facing an enormous risk with him in close proximity. He has destroyed the lives of two children", says Bruce.

Bruce requested the court to impose life sentences for rapes as described by law because Mohono did not advance any exceptional circumstances for the court to impose lesser sentences.

Magistrate Greyvensteyn concurred with the prosecutor and sentenced Mohono to life sentence for each of the rape counts, two years for each of the two counts of impersonating a police officer, three years for each of the three counts of kidnapping and another three years for abduction.

Mohono's effective sentence will be two life terms after the court ordered the sentences to run concurrently. The magistrate also ordered that his name should be included in the National Register for Sex Offenders and he should not be allowed to possess a firearm.

Kind Regards,

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