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RE: SECURITY OFFICER SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

Last week, the Makhado Regional Court sentenced Madidimalo Borbley Machaka (38) to six years direct imprisonment for sexual assault.

The court heard that at about 06h00 in the morning of 20 February 2017, a taxi dropped off two complainants aged 6 and 7 at the Soutpansberg Primary School in Louis Trichardt. On their way to class both complainants were approached by the accused who is employed at the school as a security officer. He was about to leave the premises after doing night shift.

He lured the two girls behind the bathrooms and took down the pants of the older girl. He then undressed himself and pushed the girl against the wall and put his private parts between thighs whilst the other complainant was watching. He threatened them by saying he would kill both of them if they told anyone. At that stage, another female security guard arrived at the scene and saw the accused in the act and reported the matter to the school authority.

He pleaded guilty on 9 October 2017 and the court also found him guilty. During sentencing, the State Prosecutor, Hilke Janse van Rensburg presented a victim impact report. It stated that the child was traumatised due to the ordeal and was receiving psychological care.

During sentencing, the Court stated that it was appalling that a person employed by the school in order to protect its property and children would then sexually assault them. The accused was also declared unfit to possess a firearm and the court ordered that his name be entered into the sexual offence register.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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