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RE: SOCCER COACH SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE

The high court sitting in Thohoyandou sentenced Foster Maluleke (35) of Homu village, Giyani to life imprisonment on Monday for the rape of a 14 year-old boy.

The court heard that in the evening of 21 April 2014 the accused who was a Soccer Coach at Benny's Sport Development Academy called the victim to his room. When he arrived in the room the accused undressed the complainant and raped him. The following day the victim went home and reported the incident to his grandmother. The incident was also reported to the principal who initiated that the matter be reported to Tshilwavhusiku police station. The accused confessed to the principal that he indeed raped the boy.

In court, the accused pleaded not guilty. State Prosecutor, Advocate Nnyambeni Nekhambele led the evidence of the victim and other witnesses in order to prove the case beyond reasonable doubt. The court convicted him of rape.

In aggravation of sentence, Nekhambele led the evidence of the victim's grandmother. He further asked that the accused be deemed unfit to possess a firearm, deemed unsuitable to work with children and that his name be entered into the National Register of Sex Offenders. The court made all of these orders and sentenced the accused to life imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the Director of Public Prosecutions in Limpopo, Advocate Ivy Thenga had this to say, "Justice has indeed been done".

Kind Regards,

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