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RE: UNCLE GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE

On 27 February 2017, the Tzaneen Regional Court sentenced an adult male to life imprisonment after being convicted for the rape of an eight year old girl. The accused is an uncle to the minor victim.

The incident happened at Ditshosing village in the Bolobedu area in June 2014. The accused, who is an uncle to the victim, visited the victim's homestead at Ditshosing village and raped the girl at her homestead.

The mother found the accused and her child in the room. However, the child's trouser was lowered to her knees and the zip of the accused's trouser was opened. The minor told her mother that the accused had raped her. The accused was apprehended on the spot by the mother of the victim, thereafter the police were called.

The accused pleaded not guilty and the court found him guilty as charged.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Paul Rikhotso, led the evidence of the victim who testified through an intermediary, the evidence of the victim's mother and the forensic nurse who examined the victim. The court accepted the evidence of the state witnesses and convicted the accused as charged.

In aggravation of sentence, Rikhotso presented the victim impact report facilitated by the social worker.

Having found that there were no substantial and compelling circumstances, the court sentenced the accused to life imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentenced.

Kind Regards,

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