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MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES THE SENTENCING OF A RAPIST IN EMPANGENI

THE KWAZULU-NATAL MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Willies Mchunu, has welcomed the court decision by Empangeni Regional Court of sentencing a 35-year-old man to 10 years in prison for rape, saying he was convinced that this decision would send a loud and clear message to criminals.

On Tuesday, 08 March 2016, Empangeni Regional Court convicted and sentenced a well-known community leader at Richards Bay, Dumisani Ndlanzi (35) for raping a 20-year-Old woman.

In January 2014, a 20-year-old woman from Gauteng went to Richards Bay to look for a school to attend and was referred to a well-known community leader (Ndlazi) who was going to assist her to get a school. Ndlazi request the young woman to kiss him. The woman refused and then Ndlazi raped her.

A case of rape was opened at the Richards Bay Police Station and the case was transferred to Empangeni Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit for further investigation. On the same day of the incident, the accused was arrested and charged with rape.

Today (Thursday, 10 March 2016) MEC welcomed the arrest of the rapist saying that it will send out a clear message that the law will catch up with all rape perpetrators.

“I welcome the court decision. Indeed, justice has been done. Such people do not deserve to stay in our community not to mention to be community leaders.

“I hope this sentence will bring closure to the victim and the victims’ family. I wish to encourage other victims not to be silent when such incidents happen to them” says Mchunu.

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