

MEC CONDEMNS CHILD RAPE AND URGES CHILDREN TO SPEAK OUT

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Many children face abuse on a daily basis and many times at the hands of their family members.

As Child Protection Week proceeds, more children and adults are made aware of their rights to speak up.

A seven-year-old girl who was repeatedly raped by her uncle broke the silence and told her parents what her uncle had done.

Now her perpetrator is serving a life sentence handed down by the Bloemfontein High Court. The man, 28, has been registered on the sexual offences register.

Police spokesperson Chaka Marope confirmed this.

Marope said the man took the child to a secluded area and raped her several times and then threatened her not to tell anyone.

“Upon arrival at home the little girl reported her ordeal to her mother who immediately alerted the Bainsvlei police,” said Marope.

This is one of the many incidents that violate children’s rights and, according to social development MEC Sisi Ntombela , rights of children cannot be violated.

“The perpetrator has damaged the child for life and these children are our future.

“We are happy about the life sentence and hope he rots in jail,” she said.

Ntombela said the department of social development would help take care of the child and provide social workers and doctors to help the family.

“In our institution, we try to help families who have gone through such ordeals and we try to provide support to such families,” she said.

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