Taung man gets two life sentences for rape

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A TAUNG man was sentenced to two life sentences for raping a 17-year-old girl

Tsholohelo Joel Dichomi, 31, was found guilty of raping the minor twice.

Police commissioner Lit-Gen Baile Motswenyane welcomed the double life sentence handed down by the Taung Regional Court.

Dichomi committed the offences back in 2012 in Vaatyn village near Taung.

Sgt Kelebogile Moleko said: "It came out during the trial that the victim was on her way to the tuck shop to buy airtime with her friend when they met with the accused in July 2012.

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"The accused grabbed the victim while her friend managed to escape. Dichomi then took the victim to his parents' place and raped her twice."

After the matter was reported to police in Taung, the accused was traced and arrested.

He has been in custody since the arrest.

Motswenyane applauded the Taung Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit (FCS) for securing the two life sentences.

"The conviction proves that commitment and dedication from the members when collecting evidence is what made the case successful," she said.

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CONVICTED: A man was found guilty of raping a teenager twice.