

# **SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **MEDIA SUMMARY OF JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL**

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**Patrick Booyesen**  
v  
**The State**

**(268/10) [2010] ZASCA 162 (1 December 2010)**

### **Media Statement**

The Supreme Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal from the full court, Eastern Cape High Court. The full court dismissed an appeal by an appellant. A 43 year old male who was convicted of rape of a ten year old girl and confirmed the sentence of life imprisonment, imposed by the high court.

The Supreme Court of Appeal found that the high court was correct in finding that there were no substantial or compelling circumstances justifying departure from the prescribed minimum sentence of life imprisonment.

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