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AGE (2013): 10 years old

CLIENT CASE: A Hwange 9-year-old girl from Village Four in Jambezi suffered a huge opening on her privates after the skin separating her organ and anus was allegedly "ripped" after being raped by her stepfather (39). It is reported that after the skin was ripped both her organ and anus turned into one and was profusely dripping puss. The girl, who also experienced difficulties walking, reportedly suffered a terrible headache and stomach ache as a result of the sexual abuse. Her stepfather who is married to two wives, in a desperate bid to cover up the offence, convinced the girl's mother not to go to the clinic but to a traditional healer claiming that the girl's illness required traditional herbs. The matter was later reported to the police leading to the arrest of the man, whose name is Withheld to protect the identity of the minor.

For the offence the man was dragged before Hwange provincial magistrate, Mrs Dambudzo Malunga. He was charged with rape as defined in section 65 of the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act Chapter 9:23. He pleaded not guilty but was convicted and sentenced to an effective 20 years in jail after the State found overwhelming evidence that he committed the heinous crime.

GRADE (2013): Not known

COUNTRY: Zimbabwe

PROBLEM: Sexual abuse

SOLUTIONS: Counselling, Financial aid, Justice