

Father gets life for raping 10-year-old daughter

JOHANNESBURG: A 56-year-old father did not flinch as he was sentenced to life in prison for each of the six times he raped his 10-year-old daughter, while her mother photographed them.

The man, who may not be named to protect the identity of his now 12-year-old biological daughter, was yesterday sentenced to life plus an effective 14 years in jail for raping, indecently assaulting and recording the "foul" acts in photographs.

The father pleaded guilty to 105 charges detailing offences against his daughter committed in their home on the West Rand over a six-month period.

The man and his wife, the child's biological parents, were

said to have involved her in sexual acts with them while taking pictures. They had engaged in sexual activity in front of her and made her take pictures.

The girl told the court the offences started when she was six years old.

Judge Naren Pandya ruled that the man serve life for the rapes, seven years for each of the 42 photographs which constituted child pornography, four years for each of the 36 acts of indecent assault and three years for each of 21 counts of crimen injuria.

The mother listened stony-faced as her ex-husband was sent to jail. She is on bail and will be sentenced on April 7.—*Mercury Correspondent*

