

18-year-old gets 7-year jail term for raping minor

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Chandigarh: The Chandigarh district court awarded imprisonment of seven years to 18-year-old for rape of a minor. The court of additional district and sessions judge Poonam R Joshi sent Ajay, a resident of Sector 41, to seven-year-jail and also imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 on the convict. He was held guilty under Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) Act for raping a 14-year-old.

A case was registered against Ajay under Section 376 (punishment for rape) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 4 of the POCSO Act at Sector 39 police station. He was arrested on March 13, last year on the basis of the complaint of the mother of the victim girl. It was on the same day



when the girl was playing near the staircase leading to her house. Before she knew it, a man came from behind and took her to the toilet which was close by, and touched her inappropriately and then, raped her. As soon as he was unlocking the door of the toilet, the girl's parents appeared at the door and caught hold of him. They were

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shocked and immediately called on emergency number 100 to the police. Following this, Ajay was arrested.

However, the defence counsel stated that the accused had been falsely implicated in the matter. It was also argued that it was a case of love affair. After the arguments, the court held Ajay guilty of rape and sent him to seven-year jail.