

Free State Farmer Jailed For Violating Grave

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A Free State farmer who forced a couple to exhume their baby's remains has been sentenced to two years in jail, reports said on Wednesday.

Magistrate Deon van Rooyen sentenced Fanie Hyman, 52, of Koppies, in the Koppies Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, the Sowetan and Volksblad newspapers reported.

Hyman forced Maria Mnisi and her husband, Phineas Johnson, to dig up the remains of their two-week-old baby after the farmer had an argument with Johnson.

Johnson resigned but Hyman told him to take his baby's remains with him, and then forced him and his wife to dig up the coffin.

He then took them to Pretoria, forcing them to sit in the rain on the back of the bakkie with the coffin, wrapped in a black refuse bag.

Hyman, who has indicated that he would appeal against the sentence, was found guilty on a charge of violating a grave.

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