**SA man faces Aids charge**

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A 26-year-old South African man

is making international legal history

by becoming one the few

people to face prosecution for

having sex without telling his lovers

that he was infected with the

deadly virus that causes Aids.

Clint Tilma, of Newcastle in

KwaZulu-Natal province, has appeared

in the Newcastle Magistrate's Court in connection with

two attempted murder charges

arising from his failure to inform

his two lovers that he was HIV positve.

Tilma, who is already serving a

jail term for drunk driving, lost his

wife to Aids.

Newcastle senior public prosecutor

Nicolaas Grebe said the man

allegedly had sex with two women,

knowing that he carried HIV,

but without telling them of his condition.

Grebe said the state 'was undaunted

by the fact that it had no

law specifically tailored for this

situation.

Tilma's case was among the

first of its kind in the world, he

said, adding: "In common *law*

this is a crime, although it is not

covered by a specific Act.

The final decision on charges

rests with the director of prosecutions

in KwaZulu-Natal.

US Pop star Janet Jackson posses with a group of children during her visit to an SOS children's village

near Johannesburg, Janet is in South Africa as part of her Velvet Rope World Tour, She is expected to

perform in three cities in SA, (Picture by Reuters)