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**Jackey Maarohanye, dubbed the Angel of Soweto, faces jail after she was found guilty of kidnapping a former student**

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Jackey Maarohanye, the woman once dubbed the Angel of Soweto, was found guilty on two counts of kidnapping yesterday.

Maarohanye sat with blood-shot eyes, her face turning red as she listened to Magistrate David Mhango pronounce the guilty verdict in the Protea magistrate's court.

She sprinted away from the cameras of the press as soon as the case was postponed for sentencing.

Her two co-accused, Ronnie "Papa Action" Nyakale, 34, and Mpho Makhate, 24, were each found guilty on two counts of kidnapping and four of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Maarohanye was arrested for kidnapping and assaulting *Sowetan* journalist Vusi Ndlovu earlier this year.

That case was thrown out of court last month.

A case of public violence and damage to property against her was also thrown out of court in September.

But this time her luck ran out.

The guilty verdict signalled the end of her joyous moments at the Protea magistrate's court. Gone were the noisy drums, camouflage gears, explicit placards and countless posing for the cameras during her consistent antics outside the court.

The three were accused of kidnapping and assaulting former Ithuteng pupil Simphiwe Ncoguthu in February last year.

# END OF LUCKY BREAKS



**SUPPORTIVE:** Jackey Maarohanye acknowledges the support by her pupils at the Protea magistrate's court.

PHOTO: VELI NHLAPO.

This after the expose on TV programme *Carte Blanche* about her "double life" where she forced her pupils to lie about their hardships in order to secure sponsorship.

The court heard how they kidnapped Ncoguthu outside his

home and bundled him into the back of Maarohanye's BMW.

Her entourage then took Ncoguthu to Ithuteng where they slapped, kicked and undressed him for the school girls to poke fun at him.

He was then paraded naked

through the street before being taken back to the premises where the assault continued.

His feet were doused with

petrol and a thick, rolled paper was lit and thrown at his toes.

A doctor's report showed that Ncoguthu had partially lost hearing in his right ear and had urinated blood after the assault.

Maarohanye could not show her guilty face as she ran and hid in the courtyard away from journalists.

Makhate and Nyakale were not wearing the matching signature suits as they had in their previous appearances.

Mhango told the court that the three accused's evidence was "fabricated, far-fetched" and therefore rejected by the court.

"It is clear from the evidence presented before the court that the complainant was kidnapped and assaulted.

"The court accepts the evidence by the two witnesses which was truthful and reliable," said Mhango.

Mhango also said that Ncoguthu did not exaggerate in his testimony and that there was no evidence that he implicated the three whatsoever.

Their bail was extended until January 21 when they will be sentenced.



**JUSTICE:** Simphiwe Ncoguthu  
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