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RE: TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR HORRIFIC RAPES AND ROBBERIES

Siyanda China Dlamini (22) and Sicelo Lucky Mkhize (23) from Ndwedwe were sentenced to an effective 55 years each in the Verulam Regional Court today for various crimes they committed in May 2013 ranging from; house breaking, rapes, aggravated robberies, compelled sexual assault and compelled rape.

In the first incident, the four complainants (two men and two women) and a two month old baby were asleep in their home when the accused forced their way into the house. They stole jewellery and a cellphone. The accused then asked the complainants to strip naked and they raped the women. The accused then compelled the men to rape one of the females. Both men pretended to rape her but the accused noticed that one of the men was pretending and then forced him onto the complainant.

In the second incident, the four complainants were sleeping at their home when the accused broke in, armed with a knife and firearm. They robbed the complainants of a TV set, R100 cash and clothing. There were two female complainants, one male complainant and a young child. The accused raped one female each and then compelled the male complainant to rape his mother. When he refused, they threatened him and compelled him to rape his sister. The complainant pretended to do this.

In early June, the complainant in the second incident saw accused 2 in a place called, Starlight Bar. She immediately alerted the police and he was arrested. Since these complainants knew each other, this complainant informed the victims of the first incident. The complainants in the first incident went to the police station only to discover that accused 1 was there being arrested for possession of dagga. They notified the police and both men were arrested.

Regional court prosecutor, Rakesh Singh led DNA evidence confirming that the female complainants were raped by these accused. Singh argued that this was one of the most horrific and horrendous crimes that the court had dealt with. He also handed in four victim impact statement which was facilitated by Bongiwe Qwabe, the court preparation officer in Verulam.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN, Adv Moipone Noko welcomes the sentence. "We hope that it will serve as a deterrent to people who contemplate committing such horrendous crimes. We view crimes of this nature in a very serious light.

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