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RE: RAPIST AND ESCAPEE SENTENCED

The case of a man who ripped open a police truck in an attempt to evade justice was finalised in the high court sitting in Kagiso on Friday, 13 November 2015. 31 year-old Eugene Adams from Khutsong-Carltonville was sentenced to 117 years for 4 counts of robbery, 2 counts of kidnapping, 2 counts of rape, 1 count of murder and escaping from custody.

The accused terrorised the community of Chiawelo and the nearby areas, forcefully taking the victims to the veld at knife point. In the first incident of rape and murder, the deceased was with her boyfriend at Kliptown train station at night when the accused approached them. He took their cellphones and thereafter chased the boyfriend away. He then took the deceased to Avalon cemetery. Upon arrival there he raped her twice and thereafter stabbed her three times on the abdomen. As he left, the deceased cried due to the agony caused. He went back to her and hit her on the head with a big rock crushing the skull open and buried her in a shallow grave. She deceased was found in a badly decomposed stage, more than three weeks later.

All non-consensual offences involve the violation of the victim's sexual independence and results in harm. The seriousness of the violation caused by the accused on the complainant depended on a number of factors, but State Advocate, Jacob Serepo argued that the planning of these offences indicated a higher level of culpability, which was further aggravated by the fact that the accused abducted the deceased, inflicted harm and totally disregarded the law.

Rape is a traumatic and humiliating experience and particular circumstances in which the rape takes place like the use of force, weapons, repeated raping of the victim and previous convictions may affect the sentence imposed. In passing sentence, Judge J Monama took into cognisance the severity of the crime, the impact it had on victims and

society at large, the circumstances of the offender and the interest of both justice and society.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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