

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: AN EFFECTIVE 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR A MOZAMBICAN NANNY**

There was jubilation in the Mdantsane Regional Magistrates Court on 29 September 2015 when Sindiswa Cresentia Alberto Ntsokana (32) was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for the kidnap of a 3 year-old girl. Magistrate Moss who presided on this matter also sentenced her to 3 months imprisonment for entering the Republic of South Africa without a valid permit. Over and above this sentence 5 years imprisonment was also added by the magistrate for the charge of attempting to extort R500 000 from the child's parents.

This matter emanates from the allegations that a child of 3 years was kidnapped by her nanny on 03 August 2015 and taken across the borders to Mozambique. The kidnappers demanded R500 000 ransom from the parents to return the child. Due to swift action of the law enforcement agencies both in South Africa and Mozambique the nanny was arrested and the child safely returned to be with her parents on 03 September 2015, a day before her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

During sentencing, the magistrate did not order that the sentences should run concurrently but ordered that the accused should serve an effective 20 years imprisonment. Handing down the sentence, the magistrate referred to other countries where the accused could have been sentenced to a much harsher sentence such as an effective life imprisonment or even death sentence if convicted of such serious charges.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and applauds hard work of Advocate Joel Sesar, Advocate Zelda Swanepoel and Advocate Selvan Gounden who is also the head of Organised Crime in the Eastern Cape.

Kind Regards,

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