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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS TEN YEARS

Axole "Maxamba" Ngxithi (24) was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Mount Frere Regional Court on Friday, 15 April 2016 after the court found him guilty of rape. He was sentenced to an additional ten years for kidnapping and five years for robbery with intent to commit a crime. The latter two sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

The incident occurred on the night of 27 September 2015 at Matyotyombeni Informal Settlement near Mount Frere when Ngxithi went to the home of a disabled man who was sleeping with his girlfriend. Ngxithi had seen the man walking with the girlfriend to his shack during the day. Ngxithi knocked on his door and asked to be let in. The man refused to open for him and he kicked down the door to the dark shack, threatened the man and the woman with an object that looked like a gun and forcefully took the woman to his shack, where he repeatedly raped her. The boyfriend of the victim woke up and used his crutches to walk to the police station about two kilometres from his home. He reported the rape and the police went to Ngxithi's home and found him sleeping on top of his 32 year-old victim. During the trial, the woman testified that the rapist slept on top of her to prevent her from escaping.

Ngxithi, who has five previous convictions of possession of drugs and housebreaking, pleaded not guilty. He tried to convince the court that he had met the woman at a local tavern, bought her beers and the woman had willingly had sex with him. He could not explain the bruises on the victim's body and his inability to recall the name of the victim to the police when they pounced on him. Witnesses called by the state painted a picture of a man who was feared by his community and did as he pleased, and the court found him to be a very hostile and evasive witness before sentencing him.

The NPA welcomes these sentences and Director of Public Prosecutions in the Eastern Cape Mthatha Division, Advocate Barry Madolo commends regional court prosecutor

Chumile Mkentane for the thorough prosecution and commitment in ensuring that justice is served.

Kind Regards,

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