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**RE: SERIAL RAPIST SENTENCED TO 13 LIFE IMPRISONMENT TERMS
AND A TOTAL OF 763 YEARS IMPRISONMENT**

The Pretoria High Court convicted Mpumelelo Hlungwani on 96 counts including 27 counts of rape, 31 counts of kidnapping, 25 counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances, 2 counts of sexual assault, 9 counts of Assault GBH and 1 count of pointing of a firearm. The court sentenced him to 13 life imprisonment terms and 763 years imprisonment on 22 April 2016.

Between the period January 2008 and September 2014 the accused stalked the streets of Soshanguve and Turffontein respectively under the cover of darkness for potential victims. Armed with a firearm he would kidnap the women, rob them of their belongings and rape them. In some instances he would viciously assault the victims. Two of his victims were minor children. He mostly acted alone but in a few instances he had an accomplice who is still at large. The women could not identify their rapist due to the fact that he attacked under the cover of darkness. The accused was linked to the offences through DNA.

He however pleaded not guilty and challenged the chain of evidence in each and every case. The state led evidence of over 75 witnesses.

The accused was eventually convicted as charged on 21 April 2016. The state argued for the imposition of prescribed minimum sentence.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the DPP Pretoria, Advocate Sibongile Mzinyathi commends Advocates Juliet Makgwatha, Bakedi Maoke and the investigation team for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that justice is served.

Kind Regards,

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