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RE: DUO SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT PLUS 40 YEARS

The Port Elizabeth High Court sentenced Lunga Mandoba (21) and Siphosethu Mayizo Sokutu (21) both from Kwa-Zakhele in Port Elizabeth to life imprisonment each and 40 years each for repeatedly raping two young complainants who were 15 years and 16 years old at the time. They were charged with two counts of kidnapping and eight counts of rape. The rape took place between 17 and 18 December 2014 in Kwa-Zakhele Township, Port Elizabeth.

The complainants visited a house in the same street that they lived in and there were other young people in the same house as the accused. The accused took both victims into a bedroom and raped them.

Whilst accused 1 was away, accused 2 continued raping the complainants. Eventually he fell asleep and this gave one of the complainants a chance to escape from the house. She managed to call the police and both were arrested in the early hours of 18 December 2014. The court found them guilty as charged and sentenced them accordingly. Some of the sentences will run concurrently on the 22 April 2016.

Advocate Ismat Cerfontein based at the DDPP Port Elizabeth represented the state in this matter.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and we hope that it is going to send a strong message that crime against women and children will not be tolerated by our courts.

Kind Regards,

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