

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: SERIAL RAPIST SENTENCED TO 12 LIFE TERMS**

The Pretoria High Court convicted Edward Monyai on 12 counts of rape, 2 counts of kidnapping and 3 counts of robbery on 28 April 2016. The court sentenced him to 12 life imprisonment terms.

The offences were committed between the period of July 2000 and June 2013 around Bela-Bela and Brits respectively. He would systematically target and entice the desperate, defenceless and unsuspecting women, lure them to bushy areas and rape them. The accused tied one of the complainants to a tree and raped her for 3 days. The accused was linked to the offences through DNA.

The state represented by Advocates Bakedi Maoke and Moeng Molatudi argued for the imposition of prescribed minimum sentence.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the DPP Pretoria, Advocate Sibongile Mzinyathi commends the prosecution and investigation team for their excellent work.

Kind Regards,

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