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## 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE AND ROBBERY

Senzo Banelo Ngcongo (26) was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court last week for the robbery and rape of an 18 year-old woman in Kenterton on the KZN south coast.

The complainant was walking towards a bus stop when she was grabbed by the accused and taken into a sugar cane field. He took her cell phone and money and proceeded to rape her. The accused then fled the scene.

During the trial, he pleaded not guilty and disputed the DNA evidence presented to the court by Regional Court Prosecutor, Christelle Rossouw. Rossouw led the evidence of the complainant and the first report as well as expert witnesses who testified that the DNA analysis undoubtedly linked the accused to the offence.

Court Preparation Officer, Nthuthuko Ngobese facilitated the victim impact statement compiled by the complainant.

The accused was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for rape and 10 years imprisonment for robbery. The court ordered that the sentences run concurrently.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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