

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS 20 YEARS**

Bizana Regional Court sentenced 30 year-old Xolile Ngantweni to life imprisonment yesterday for raping his 40 year-old neighbour in April 2014. The court sentenced Ngantweni to a further five years for house breaking with intent to commit a crime and 15 years for robbery with aggravating circumstances. The sentences were not ordered to run concurrently.

According to evidence that was presented in the court, on the night of 16 April 2014, Ngantweni broke through the window of the victim's house who was asleep with her toddler son. After gaining entry, the rapist stabbed the mother and proceeded to rape the bleeding woman twice before fleeing the scene, apparently thinking that she would bleed to death and not be able to identify him.

With the help of her neighbours, the victim was taken to hospital and thereafter managed to open a case at the Mzamba Police Station and identified the perpetrator. He was arrested the following day and found with blood stained clothes. The clothes were sent for DNA tests and the tests confirmed that the blood on Ngantweni's clothes was indeed that of his victim.

Armed with the DNA results and evidence from the victim, Regional Court Prosecutor, Thamsanqa Vinindwa, was able to convince the court that Ngantweni was guilty beyond reasonable doubt and thus deserved the harshest sentence for preying on his neighbour that he was supposed to protect.

The NPA welcomes this sentence with the hope that it will serve as a deterrent to would-be rapists who target vulnerable people.

Kind Regards

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**Regional Spokesperson: DPP Mthatha**

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