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RE: MEN SENTENCED FOR RAPE AND KIDNAPPING

Two men, Sphamandla Mkhize (27) and Siyanda Shinga (23) were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for rape and 5 years imprisonment for kidnapping in the Scottburgh Regional Court yesterday.

The sentences relate to the December 2012 offences which took place in the Umthwalume area near Hibberdene on the KZN south coast.

The complainant was on her way to meet her boyfriend when she was accosted by the accused. They threatened her by a knife and took her to a nearby bush where she was raped. The next day, accused 1 took the complainant to her home, proposing love to her. The complainant reported the matter as soon as she got home and a case was opened.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Akhile Gcume led DNA evidence which linked accused 1 to the crime. Both men were positively identified by the complainant during an identity parade.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Kara

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