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RE: 22 LIFE PLUS 327 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR SERIAL RAPIST

On Friday, 08 July 2016 the Limpopo High Court sentenced Jonas Kgabo Moshabi (51) to 22 life terms of imprisonment for the following crimes; rape, murder including charges of attempted murder, housebreaking, robbery with aggravating circumstances, malicious damage to property, unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition.

During the period of 2005 to 2012, 32 women were victims of rape at Moletjie village in the district of Seshego. The accused roamed around the communities under the cover of darkness and broke into the houses to commit such crimes. The police selected few men from the community to take blood sample for DNA analysis including the accused. The DNA results linked the accused to the offences.

In aggravation of sentence, Senior State Advocate, Lucas Davhana told the court that the accused also had a series of previous convictions pertaining to violent crimes.

In handing down the sentence, acting Judge Nair said that in his career as a presiding officer he never came across such a case of this nature where women were brutally raped and ruthlessly assaulted. He said the accused did not show any remorse, pleaded not guilty and was linked to all crimes through DNA and two victims identified him in the dock. He said he must be removed permanently from society.

Welcoming the sentence, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Ivy Thenga said the sentence fits the crimes given the violent nature of the offences committed trusting that it will serve as a deterrent to others.

Kind Regards,

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