

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 13 JUNE 2016

RE: SERIAL RAPIST AND MURDERER SENTENCED TO 7 LIFE SENTENCES PLUS 40 YEARS

The Western Cape High Court sentenced 32 year old Khangayi Sedumedi to 7 life sentences plus 40 years direct imprisonment on Thursday after convicting him on 21 counts of various serious crimes. Sedumedi was sentenced to seven life terms plus one hundred and thirty six years but Western Cape Judge President, John Hlophe ordered that some of the sentences run concurrently.

Sedumedi from Gugulethu was charged with 23 counts which include eight counts of rape, four of murder, two kidnappings, five robberies with aggravating circumstances, attempted robbery with aggravating circumstances, attempted rape and assault.

As evidence mounted against him, he entered into a plea and sentencing agreement with the state. He pleaded guilty to all of the charges except the charges of attempted rape and one charge of robbery with aggravating circumstances. His reign of terror ran over four years during which he targeted unemployed young women who were desperate for employment.

Under the pretext that he knew of possible job opportunities, Sedumedi would ask for their contact details. He would then contact them and pretend that he had secured a job interview for them on specific dates. He would then lure them to isolated places and then kidnap, rob, rape and murder them.

In his plea agreement he admitted that in certain instances he used a toy gun to force them into submission and tied them up. He stated that at the age of 13 years his mother disappeared without a trace. This caused him to be lonely. The cruel crimes he

committed against the innocent defenceless women and a 13 year old child, made him to feel better.

He confessed that he contacted his victims with the intent to rape them. He admits that he killed the four victims so that they would not identify him. He further admits that he could distinguish between right and wrong and accepts that his actions were wrongful and unlawful.

Advocate Mornay Julius who secured the plea agreement says the sentence was appropriate considering the type of crimes that were committed against defenceless young women. "The actions of the accused throughout were pre-meditated and well planned with devastating consequences. The occurrence of serious and violent crimes against women and children has reached alarming proportions in our society," Advocate Julius said.

The court declared the accused unfit to own a firearm and ordered that his name be entered into the National Register for Sex Offenders.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

Eric Ntabazalila

DPP Western Cape: Spokesperson

entabazalila@npa.gov.za

073 062 1222