

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ROBBING GRANNY**

Lungani Mkhize (29) was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court last week for the robbery of a 61 year-old Umzinto woman in September 2014.

The woman was entering her home when the accused approached her. He threatened her with a knife and demanded money. He took her to the bedroom where they struggled with the knife and the complainant was cut on her fingers.

The accused then stole her cell phone, wedding bangles and other jewellery. He also attempted to put her hands into a pot of stew that was boiling on the stove. At this point the woman pushed the accused and he ran away.

The complainant testified in court, saying that she cannot believe that she had survived the ordeal as well as the fact that she was able to fight off the accused. She positively identified the accused in the identity parade that was held. This is because she had remembered the tattoo on his hand and a scar on his head.

The matter was handled by Regional Court Prosecutor, Active Njakazi.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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