

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPISTS SENTENCED TO 2 LIFE TERMS PLUS 15 YEARS**

Mthokozisi Shange (26) and Mthokozisi Mazibuko (24) were handed down 2 life sentences and 15 years imprisonment in the Emlazi Regional Court last week after being convicted of two counts of rape, kidnapping and two counts of sexual assault.

The incident took place in August 2009 in Adam's Mission when the complainant and her boyfriend were approached by the accused. Her boyfriend was threatened with a knife and chased away while the complainant was dragged to the accused's room. Here, she was raped twice and sexually assaulted twice by both the accused.

In the interim, her boyfriend had gone off and alerted her brother and the two then rushed back to the place where they found the accused with the complainant. She was taken for medical treatment.

During the trial, accused 1 denied the offence while accused 2 said that the intercourse was consensual as there was DNA evidence linking him. Regional Court Prosecutor, Pratisha Jugnundan led the testimony of the complainant's boyfriend and brother who testified to finding her naked and in a state of shock at the accused's home. Cross examination of the two accused further highlighted the inconsistencies in their versions of what transpired.

A victim impact statement, facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Nomveliso Mabovu and compiled by the complainant, was handed in to the court. Here, the complainant gave details of how the incident had affected her emotionally, physically and academically.

Both accused were sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for kidnapping, life imprisonment for each of the two rape charges and 5 years imprisonment for each of the two sexual assault charges. The court ordered that the sentences for sexual assault, kidnapping and the one count of rape run concurrently with that of life for the other rape count.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Advocate Moipone Noko, welcomes the sentence and conviction. Prosecutor Pratisha Jugnundan is commended for her hard work and effort.

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN**

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