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**RE: SERIAL RAPIST & ACCOMPLICE CONVICTED ON 22 COUNTS BY
THE NORTH WEST HIGH COURT**

Serial rapist, Kabelo Shimi Kgabung from Mahikeng was convicted by the North West High Court on 10 counts of rape, 4 counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances, 4 counts of housebreaking with intent to rob while his accomplice, Itumeleng Abram Taukobong was convicted on 3 counts of rape, 2 counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances and 2 counts housebreaking with intent to rob and attempted robbery with aggravating circumstances.

During the period of 01 January 2010 to 04 March 2016 Kabelo Shimi Kgabung, accused no 1, embarked on a spree of committing crimes ranging from rape, robberies and housebreaking. In some of these instances he would be in the company of a person unknown to the state. His modus operandi was to target female persons who would come from taverns during the night or early hours of the morning. During these attacks, he would be carrying a knife and threaten his victims with violence in order to obey his orders.

It was only on 08 September 2012 and 04 March 2016 where the accused no 2, Itumeleng Abram Taukobong appeared to have worked with Kabelo Shimi Kgabung. Both accused were identified by witnesses and also linked through DNA test results. They terrorised, raped and attacked women in Majemantsho, Moshawane, Ramatlabama 600 and Mosiane View.

During his arrest for the count of rape on 07 March 2016 in Mosiane View the vehicle keys of the motor vehicle they robbed on 04 March 2016 was found in his possession.

Advocate Sipiwo Jika and Advocate Pitso Sebothe represented the state. During sentencing, they submitted that both accused deserved life sentence. The court sentenced Kabelo Shimi Kgabung to two (2) life sentences and 150 years imprisonment while Itumeleng Abram Taukobong received 1 life sentence and 63 years imprisonment.

In welcoming the sentence, the DPP in North West, Advocate Johan Smit SC applauded the excellent work done by Advocate Sipiwo Jika and Advocate Pitso Sebothe.

Kind Regards,

Frank Lesenyego

Regional Spokesperson: DPP North West

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