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RE: 4 X LIFE AND 56 YEARS FOR RAPIST ROBBER

Nkosinathi Sibusiso Phatsa (23) was sentenced to four terms of life and 56 years imprisonment in the Ladysmith Regional Court last week for the rapes, robberies, housebreakings with the intent to rape and housebreakings with the intent to rob he committed during the period of August 2010 to July 2016.

The accused preyed on predominantly female households with young children, in the Hlati and Ekuvukheni areas. He would break into the houses late at night, and rape and rob the complainants using a cell phone for light. This rendered the complainants unable to identify him.

In court, Senior Public Prosecutor Rene Schuler led DNA evidence taken from the complainants, which matched the accused's profile thus linking him to the offences. Prosecutor Schuler also led medical evidence and the testimonies of the complainants.

The Director of Public Prosecution in KwaZulu Natal, Adv. Moipone Noko welcomes the conviction and sentence. She said, "I hope that sentences such as this deter would-be sexual offenders and address the scourge of sexual violence in the province. Congratulations to all NPA officials involved in this successful prosecution."

Kind Regards,

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