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RE: ALLANRIDGE MAN SENTENCED TO 28 YEARS FOR RAPE AND HOUSEBREAKING

A 31 year-old man from Nyakallo Township in Allanridge was sentenced to 36 years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty in a plea and sentence agreement to two counts of housebreaking with an intent to rob and robbery and two counts of rape by the Free State High Court this morning.

Sitting in Virginia, Judge Mpina Mathebula sentenced Tshediso Samuel Seboholi to eight years for each of the two counts of rape and ten years for each of the two counts of housebreaking with an intent to rob and robbery.

In the plea agreement read by his lawyer to the court, Seboholi stated that on 25 August 2018 he intentionally broke open the storeroom of Mosala School and threatened the three women who were supervising the learners. They robbed them of their cellular phones, forced a 39 year-old victim to the back of the school building and raped her.

Seboholi's plea further stated that on 10 February 2019, he, together with his unknown accomplice broke into the house of a 29 year-old woman armed with a knife and a screwdriver. The victim was in the house with her husband and children. Seboholi and his unknown accomplice demanded a firearm and money from the victim's husband. They searched the house and the car and took three cellular phones, three laptops, tablet and R30 cash. They both raped the victim before leaving the house.

Seboholi was arrested after he was linked to the crimes through DNA.

The defence and the state represented by prosecutor, Advocate Moipone Moroka, reached an agreement that Seboholi will be sentenced to ten years imprisonment for

each count of housebreaking with an intent to rob and robbery and eight years for each count of rape.

Judge Mathebula further ordered, in terms of Section 280 of Act 51 of 1977, that four years imprisonment of the sentences for each of the rape charges will be served concurrently with the sentences for housebreaking with an intent to rob and robbery, having an effect that Seboholi will serve an effective 28 years imprisonment.

The accused was also declared unfit to possess a firearm.

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