

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: DOUBLE LIFE SENTENCE FOR RAPIST POLICEMAN**

Warrant Officer Jacob Thembinkosi Ngubane was sentenced to two terms of life imprisonment on Monday at the Pietermaritzburg High Court. This relates to the 2015 rape of a 14 year-old girl in the Msinga area.

On the night of the incident the complainant, who was beaten by her father for sending a cell phone message to her boyfriend, left her home. She went to the Msinga police station to report the beating when she met the accused who was on night duty. He refused to take her statement, saying that she was underage and instead offered her a place to sleep. The accused then forced himself on her before leaving for duty.

The accused raped the complainant again the next morning.

In court, Senior State Advocate Sipho Magwaza led the oral evidence of the complainant, the district surgeon as well as other police officials that the complainant had reported the offences to.

The accused was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment for each rape; however, the sentences will run concurrently.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN Advocate Moipone Noko welcomes the sentence and hopes that it re-affirms the NPA's stance on crime.

Kind Regards,

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