

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: FAMILY FRIEND SENTENCED FOR RAPE**

Mpolayeng Alfred Maleka (24) was sentenced by Senwabarwana Regional Court last week Thursday, to 18 years imprisonment for rape.

The incident happened on 10 April 2016 at midnight when an 18 year-old complainant and her friends were coming from their friend's 21st birthday party. They decided to stop by a nearby tavern, where the accused dragged the complainant to his homestead and raped her four times. He also threatened her with a knife.

The court heard that the complainant escaped whilst the accused was fast asleep and went home. When she left the accused's homestead she was wearing only her underwear and a tracksuit top as the accused had thrown her pair of trouser and shoes under the bed. The accused and complainant knew each other, as the accused was a family friend. The accused was subsequently arrested.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge and explained that although he had seen the complainant, however, he never raped her. The court rejected his version and upheld that of the state and accordingly found him guilty as charged.

In aggravation of sentence, State Prosecutor, Moyahabo Leshabane submitted the Victim Impact Report. The report showed that the complainant's virginity was stolen by the accused. She had flashbacks and nightmares about the incident and would cry if she recalled the incident. She is finding it difficult to socialize as she is afraid that she will be raped again.

The court found that there are compelling and substantial circumstances and deviated from life sentence. The accused was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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