

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: FOUR LIFE TERM IMPRISONMENT FOR RAPE PLUS 12 YEARS**

On 07 March 2017, the Limpopo High Court sentenced Koena Kenneth Magwai (30) of Ga-Mamehlabe to four life terms of imprisonment for the following crimes; rape, housebreaking with intent to rape, robbery with aggravating circumstances.

All incidents happened around Ga- Matlala area from February 2014 to June 2015. The accused roamed around the communities under the cover of darkness and broke into houses to commit crime. In one incident, he raped the mother in front of her two minor children and the accused was known to her. She reported the incident to the police and the accused was arrested.

During trial, the accused pleaded not guilty and testified that the victim consented to sexual intercourse. However, State Advocate Kobus Jacobs led the evidence of the complainant and DNA evidence that proved beyond reasonable doubt that he was lying.

The court rejected his version and convicted him. Having found that there were no substantial and compelling circumstances; the court sentenced the accused to four life term and 12 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentenced.

Kind Regards,

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