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RE: FOUR LIFE TERMS PLUS 105 YEARS FOR KILLER RAPIST

Last week Friday, 19 July 2019 the Mthatha High Court, sitting in Komani, sentenced Headman Dyosi (37) to four life imprisonment terms plus an additional 105 years after convicting him on four counts of murder, attempted murder and six counts of rape. The court ordered that all the four life terms for each count of murder and 15 years for each count of rape and attempted murder run consecutively.

Dyosi of Ngcuka village near Cacadu (formerly known as Lady Frere), unleashed his reign of terror and embarked on a multiple rape and murderous crime spree on 07 April 2012, 14 months into his release on parole after serving eight years of an 18-year-sentence for murder and housebreaking.

Four of the six women Dyosi raped between April 2012 and 15 May 2015 did not live to tell the story because their lifeless bodies were found strewn in different locations in and around the town of Cacadu. Post mortem reports and evidence given by doctors during the trial revealed that Dyosi raped and killed his victims mercilessly and with extreme violence. Nokuthula Sylvia Jaho died of head injuries and multiple stab wounds to the neck. Nonkosi Ngxabazi had a fractured base of the skull. Buyelwa Veyi died of manual strangulation, similarly to Ncebakazi Qaliwe, who also died of head injuries.

Dyosi's first rape victim, who miraculously escaped death despite sustaining a fractured skull, told the court that she was attacked while preparing a meal for her family on an outside fireplace, from where she was dragged, tied, severely assaulted and raped. Another woman, who had been walking alone on the evening of 21 July 2014 was grabbed from behind, dragged to a dark place and raped. According to her evidence, she might have been saved from Dyosi's violence by the fact that he asked her for her clan name. He then asked her why she did not tell him earlier as they shared the same clan name, but he still raped her again and instructed her to run away afterwards.

The serial offender was arrested after he was found in possession of one of the deceased's cell phone, and he was linked by cell phone records and DNA results to other crimes.

Advocate Chantel Govender, for the state, invoked the provision of Section 51 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act 105 of 1997, in terms of which the legislature has prescribed a minimum sentence of life imprisonment for murder, and the court concurred and sentenced Dyosi accordingly.

The NPA is satisfied with the sentence passed by Judge Mbulelo Jolwana.

Kind Regards,

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