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RE: HARSH SENTENCE FOR SERIAL RAPES

The High court in Johannesburg sentenced a serial rapist to 14 life terms in respect of rape offences and an additional 230 years imprisonment for kidnapping, robbery with aggravating circumstances and house breaking with intent to rape and rob.

Nhlanhla Xaki (30) would break into women's shacks and demand their belongings like cellphones and money, thereafter rape them. He was charged with 33 counts and was convicted on all counts.

Police kept searching for him after several dockets were opened and DNA samples from all victims were stored. Xaki was arrested after police got a tip off about his whereabouts. Xaki maintained his innocence claiming that all of the victims were his girlfriends but the court dismissed his version and found that of state witnesses to be reasonably true.

Arguing for the minimum prescribed sentence of life imprisonment as stipulated by law, State Prosecutor, Getrude Market asked the court to consider the credibility and corroboration of evidence heard from state witnesses and that the evidence as a whole should furnish sufficient proof of guilt.

The NPA welcomes the court's decision and hope that victims will find solace in the removal of the perpetrator from society.

Kind Regards,

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