

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 07 June 2018

RE: MAN SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE PLUS 15 YEARS

The Limpopo High Court sentenced Khomotso Matsa Khoza (22) of Thokgoaneng- Ga Chuene yesterday to two life sentences and 15 years imprisonment after he was convicted of three counts of rape and theft that took place between 06 January and 13 March 2017.

The court heard how the accused lured the complainants by offering them employment at the Virgin Active Polokwane or modelling contracts at the Chuene Resort. He would then arrange with the victims to meet at the entrance of the resort whereupon their arrival they would be directed to an old building inside a bush. Once at the building he would manipulate the victims by performing certain rituals which included use of a bone to gain their compliance. He would speak to the bone pretending to plead with the spirits to spare the victim from harm.

The accused would then rape the complainants and later release them to go home. In one of the incidents, he stole the complainant's money amounting to R120-00.

During the trial, he pleaded not guilty to the charge. However, the state presented DNA evidence linking him to the offence. The court found him guilty as charged.

The State Prosecutor, Advocate Lethabo Mashiane argued that the accused operated more like a conman and it had been difficult for the police to trace him. He argued that it would be difficult to rehabilitate him and stressed that the accused took advantage of young women who were desperate for employment. He concluded by praying that the accused be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The court agreed with the state and sentenced him to two life and 15 years imprisonment.

The DPP, Advocate Ivy Thenga applauds the persistence of the investigation team and the prosecutions in securing the convictions and the sentence.

Kind Regards,

Mashudu Malabi-Ndzaghi
Regional Spokesperson
DPP: Limpopo