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**RE: MAN SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS PLUS 15 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT**

Nkhana Mabatho (26) was sentenced on 21 of August 2017, to two life imprisonment terms and 15 years by Morebeng Sexual Offences Court for two counts of rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The offences were committed at Mokomene village on the 08 March 2014. Three female students at Ramokgopa FET college aged 18 and 19 were both raped and robbed. The two accused who were armed with knife and screwdriver broke and entered the house in the early hours of the morning. They exchanged raping the three girls where one used condoms while other did not use condoms. It all happened while the lights were on. They were also robbed of three cell phones and R450.00 cash which was meant to pay rent.

The case was withdrawn and was reinstated in 2015. One of the accused, Rony Chipape (27), died in police custody before trial. The second accused, Mabatho, pleaded not guilty and remained silent in his defence. He was convicted on two rape counts and robbery with aggravating circumstances on 10 August 2017.

In aggravating of sentence, State Prosecutor, Advocated Norman Makhubele led the evidence of two complainants. They gave evidence pertaining the trauma they suffered. They testified that they even failed their exam. One of them even lost her boyfriend. Advocate Makhubele called for the life imprisonment on each count of rape and 15 years for robbery.

The court agreed with the state and sentenced him accordingly.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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