

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR RAPING AN ELDERLY WOMAN**

A 27 year-old man from JB Mafora Township in Bloemfontein was today sentenced to 20 years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to rape of a 90 year-old woman who is partially blind. Free State High Court Judge Corne van Zyl sentenced Majoro Jonas Mahoko for rape he committed in 2019.

In a plea agreement that was read by his legal representative, Mahoko said that on 19 February 2019, he went to the complainant's home pretending to be looking for her son. He found the complainant alone sitting on a chair. He then took a jug in the kitchen and poured himself water. He asked the complainant to go to the bedroom but she refused. He forcefully pushed her into the bedroom, put a headscarf into her mouth and raped her.

The accused went back to the kitchen after raping the complainant. Whilst in the kitchen, the woman staying in the complainant's yard came into the house and found him standing against the wall. He walked away when the woman asked him what he was doing there. The woman screamed for help and the occupants of the bakkie that was passing by apprehended him and brought him back to the complainant's house.

There was now a group of people there and the complainant pointed out the accused as a person who just raped her. The crowd attacked the accused but he was rescued by the police.

Judge Van Zyl sentenced Mahoko to 20 years imprisonment in accordance with the plea and sentence agreement. The accused was, in terms of Section 103 of Act 60 of 2000, declared unfit to possess a firearm.

The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions in the Free State, Advocate Navilla Somaru has commended the good work done by the investigating officer, Detective Constable Nyefolo Mofamere and the state prosecutor, Advocate Moipone Moroka by ensuring that the accused is punished for violating the elderly woman.

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