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RE: MAN SENTENCED TO AN EFFECTIVE 50 YEARS

The Free State High Court has on Tuesday sentenced a 33 year-old man from JB Mafora Township in Bloemfontein to an effective 50 years imprisonment after he was found guilty on five counts of housebreaking with intent to rape and rape, three counts of kidnapping and three counts of theft.

Judge Sylvia Daniso sentenced Phomolo Ngo to 10 years for each of the five counts of housebreaking with intent to rape and rape, five years for each of three counts of kidnapping and two years for each of the three counts of theft.

Ngo went on a five-year crime spree when he broke into the houses of the complainants, raped them and stole their belongings. His crime spree started on 15 September 2013 when he broke into the house during the night, threatened her with a knife and raped her.

Further, on 6 November 2013 when he broke into the house of another woman who was asleep with her little sister. He dragged her to an open field and raped her. On 9 December of the same year, he broke into a house of another woman, dragged her to a nearby toilet and raped her. He also stole a cellular phone.

On 6 July 2015, he broke into the house of the fourth victim, threatened her with a knife and forced her to a shack where he raped her. He also stole her cellular phone. Ngo broke into the house of a fifth victim on 2 September 2018. The woman was sleeping with her 3 year-old daughter when she was awakened by the intrusion of a balaclava clad man in her house. He raped the complainant and stole her cellular phone.

In aggravation, State Prosecutor, Advocate Marius Strauss described Ngo as a serial rapist who would have continued with his crime spree if he was not arrested. "South

Africa is plagued by sexual offences and women in this country are not even safe in their houses with closed doors and windows because of people like the accused. He clearly watched these women to know that they are staying alone and they are easy targets. He showed no remorse and he must be removed from society”, said Strauss.

Judge Daniso sentenced Ngo to an effective 50 years imprisonment after she ordered the sentences for kidnapping and theft to run concurrently with the sentences for housebreaking with an intent to rape and rape. She also declared him unfit to possess a firearm.

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