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**RE: NPA SECURES ANOTHER HEAVY SENTENCE FOR A SERIAL RAPIST –
THE SECOND IN ONE WEEK**

The Western Cape High Court sentenced Ayanda Ndziweni to life imprisonment and 115 years. The court ordered that all the sentences run concurrently with the life imprisonment and further ordered that the 31 year-old sex predator's name be added to the national register of sex offenders.

Ndizweni's reign of terror against women and children span over three years, between 2011 and 2014 during which he terrorised women and children in the Kraaifontein area. He targeted women and children who were walking around the Kraaifontein area where he would grab them, threaten them with a knife, rob them of their belongings, drag them to a field and rape them without a condom. His modus operandi was the same. The youngest victim was a 13 year-old girl who fell pregnant after the rape. He also attempted to rob and rape a 17 year-old learner who was dressed in a school uniform on her way home from school.

This was not the accused's first conflict with the law. He was 20 years-old when he was arrested for being under the influence of alcohol in public and for possession of dagga. These charges were ultimately withdrawn. His only other previous conviction is that of assault which was committed on 06 May 2013 where he received a suspended sentence of a fine or 6 months imprisonment.

Advocate Lenro Badenhorst strongly argued that there were no compelling reasons and substantial circumstances which forced the court to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentences. He further argued that in light of the DNA evidence linking the accused to all of the complainants (barring counts 9 and 10); the accused would have had a hard time disproving the allegations. He added that there was nothing particularly special in him pleading guilty and most certainly that could not be a reason to deviate from a minimum sentence. The court agreed.

Victim Impact Statements prepared by Bellville Magistrates Court Preparation Officers painted a painful picture and deep seated scars of the victims. Some said they are still traumatised, don't trust men and attempted to commit suicide after the incidents.

The NPA welcomes this sentence, hoping that it sends another strong message that the organisation takes the crimes against women and children very seriously.

Kind Regards,

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