

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: PROPHET HELPS IN PUTTING MURDERER BEHIND BARS**

On Wednesday, 04 December 2019, the Mpumalanga Division of the High Court sentenced Celemusa Ciniso Mabaso (30) of Thekwane to life imprisonment after he was convicted of killing his girlfriend last year.

The evidence presented in court reveals that the deceased and the accused were in a love relationship. On 22 November 2018, the deceased took a decision to end their relationship and that angered the accused. Later in the day, the accused went to his girlfriend's house. He stabbed her several times with a knife, slit her throat and she died on the scene. Upon realising that she is no longer breathing, he went to the prophet with the knife he used to seek help and also for a cleansing ceremony. After receiving the news, the prophet decided to inform the police while ensuring that the accused is not suspicious of any reporting and was eventually arrested.

In court, advocate Derrick Mashego presented DNA evidence of the blood found in the knife the accused brought to the prophet and that of a prophet. The accused was found guilty as charged and was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder.

The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Matric Lumphondo has welcomed the conviction and sentence in this matter as it illustrates the NPA's commitment in the fight against gender based violence.

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