

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST GETS LIFE AND 14 YEARS**

Yesterday, the Verulam Regional Court sentenced a 37-year-old man to life and 14 years imprisonment for the rape, kidnapping and assault of a woman in January 2020. He was also convicted of theft and malicious injury to her property. The incidents took place in the Ndwedwe area, outside Verulam.

The man knew the victim as she had previously assisted another woman to lay a charge of rape against him. However, that case was removed from the court roll as the woman had fled from the area.

The victim's role in assisting the other woman with her case, angered the man and after some time, he set her car on fire. He was convicted of malicious injury to property and sentenced to two years imprisonment, half of which was wholly suspended for five years.

After finishing his sentence, he sought out the victim at her home where he severely beat her. He then dragged her to his home by knife point, where he continued to beat her. He did this in full view of his family members. He damaged her cell phones and threw them away, together with her wedding rings.

He forced her to a nearby river where he stabbed her on her thighs and raped her twice. He asked her to wait there while he fetched petrol to set her alight. She escaped at this point and walked on the road until a police vehicle took her to a police station. The man was apprehended at home by community members and members of the police.

The Regional Court Prosecutor, Ishara Sewnarayan led the evidence of the victim, the man's family members and medical evidence.

In aggravation of sentence, Sewnarayan submitted a Victim Impact Statement to the court. In the statement, facilitated by the Court Preparation Officer, Bongiwe Qwabe and

compiled by the victim, the victim said that the incident led to the break-up of her marriage. She also had to leave her home and relocate elsewhere. She said that she sustained injuries to her body, apart from the physiological trauma she is still undergoing.

The man was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape, five years imprisonment for assault GHB, five years imprisonment for kidnaping, two years imprisonment for theft and two years' imprisonment for malicious injury to property. The court ruled that the sentences run consecutively, and he was declared unfit to possess a firearm.

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