

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST DUO GETS SIX LIFE TERMS**

On Friday, 14 July 2017, the Gauteng Division of the High Court in Pretoria sentenced Samuel Butibuti Ngobeni and Jeffrey Matosi Tsoku to 6 life imprisonment terms each and a total of 285 and 480 years respectively ordered to run concurrently with the life sentence. The court further ordered that the Silver Grey Honda Ballade belonging to accused 1 and a white BMW belonging to accused 2 be forfeited to the state.

During the period between February 2013 and February 2016, the accused drove around Pretoria North and Brits late at night mainly in a Silver Grey Honda Ballade belonging to accused 1 and a white BMW belonging to accused 2, targeting women who knocked off late from work and offered them a lift to their respective destinations. The accused would then change routes on the way, threaten the victims with either a firearm or a knife and pepper spray and drive with them to secluded places and bushy areas. The accused would then rob them of their personal belongings, sexually assault and rape them. The accused were linked to these offences through DNA and identification parades.

The complainants were also able to point out the vehicles that the accused drove when they committed these offences. One of the robbed cellular phones was traced back to accused 1 and this actually led to their arrest. An unlicensed firearm and ammunition was found in possession of accused 1 upon his arrest.

The accused were both facing 62 counts, namely 32 counts of rape, 2 counts of attempted rape, 23 counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances, 3 counts of sexual assault, possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition. The accused realised that the state's case against them is overwhelming and pleaded guilty.

The state submitted a Victim Impact Statements in which they detailed the effects of these offences on their lives. In aggravation of sentence Advocates Juliet Makgwatha and Bakedi Maoke argued that the prescribed minimum sentence be imposed in spite of the fact that the accused pleaded guilty. They further argued that the two vehicles belonging to the accused be forfeited to the state as they were used as instruments of crime. The accused pleaded guilty because they faced a watertight case and not because they were remorseful.

The DPP North Gauteng, Advocate George Baloyi welcomes the sentence and commends Advocates Juliet Makgwatha, Bakedi Maoke and the investigation team for a job well done.

Kind Regards,

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