

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST FATHER SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE SENTENCES**

This week, the Mhala Regional Court sentenced Dicks Nkuna (55) of Bushbuckridge to 2 life sentences after he was convicted of raping his two daughters aged seven and nine between 2013 and 2015 after the death of their mother.

The court heard that after the death of the victims' mother, who was the wife of the accused, their father would take turns and rape them as they were staying together in one house. In 2016, the rape ordeal was reported to the teacher at school who then reported the matter to police and Nkuna was arrested.

During trial, Nkuna pleaded not guilty. Regional Court Prosecutor, Kedibone Bareng led testimonies of the victims' aunt who reported the incident to the teacher and the evidence of the teacher. The state further led evidence of a doctor who examined the victims, a J88 report was also presented, and the accused was found guilty on both counts.

During sentencing, Magistrate Pheron Elmarie told the court that the accused did not show remorse for his actions. He caused the victims to testify and re-live the ordeal. As a father, he was supposed to protect and defend the victims after the death of their mother, he destroyed the level of trust between him and his kids. He then sentenced Nkuna to life imprisonment on each count of rape. The court ordered these sentences to run concurrently. Effectively, Nkuna will serve life imprisonment. Nkuna was declared unfit to possess a firearm and his name was entered into the Sexual Offences Register.

The NPA will continue to strive for justice for vulnerable women and children in our society.

Kind Regards,

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