

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST GETS 23 YEARS DIRECT IMPRISONMENT**

Yesterday, the Nelspruit Regional Court sentenced Mbuso Nkosi (30) to 23 years direct imprisonment for rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Nkosi committed this crime in February 2016 on the N4 Highway. The victim was walking home to Mataffin when the accused and his co- perpetrators grabbed her to the bushes nearby the railway line. They assaulted her, took turns in raping the victim and robbed her of a cell phone.

One of the accused was arrested the next day after the victim identified him to the investigating officer.

During the trial, the accused pleaded not guilty to the offence, however, the Regional Court Prosecutor, Thulani Msibi led evidence of the victim, the security officer and the arresting officer. The state further led evidence of medical reports and DNA evidence linking the accused with the offence.

Nkosi was sentenced to 23 years direct imprisonment and his co- perpetrator has not been identified yet, but will be prosecuted once he is arrested.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will send a strong message to the community that this type of criminal behaviour will not be tolerated.

Kind Regards,

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