

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST GETS LIFE AND 10 YEARS**

Sandile Frederick Buthelezi (36) from northern Kwa Zulu Natal was sentenced to a term of life and 10 years imprisonment in the Nquthu Regional Court last week for the rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances he committed in the Mondlo area.

The two complainants, aged 13 and 16 years old, were on their way home from school when they met the accused. He made conversation with them and walked with them until they reached a forest. Here, the accused threatened them with a knife and tied them up with their school ties. He robbed the 16 year-old of her cell phone and took the younger complainant to another spot where he raped her.

In court, Regional Court Prosecutor, Hazel Moeponi Molefe led the testimonies of the rape complainant, her father, who was the first report, DNA report and the J88. Prior to the finalisation of the matter, the other complainant passed away due to natural causes.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape, 10 years imprisonment for robbery and 5 years imprisonment for kidnapping. The sentence for kidnapping will run concurrently with that of robbery.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Adv. Moipone Noko welcomes the conviction and sentence.

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

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