

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST SENTENCED**

Given Senzo Lekhuleni (22) was sentenced to 20 years direct imprisonment by the Nelspruit Regional Court on Monday for rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The incident happened in April 2016 in Curlews Road between White River and Nelspruit during daylight. Lekhuleni approached a 40 year-old woman from behind, grabbed her by a ponytail at knife point, pushed her to the bushes and raped her.

The accused was arrested same day of the incident after the victim reported the matter to the Community Policing Forum (CPF) and to White River Police station.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Magda Marais led evidence of a victim who was emotional. She further led evidence of medical reports and DNA evidence linked the accused with the offence. A victim impact statement was compiled and handed to court.

In sentencing, the Regional Magistrate, Vanessa Joubert told court that the accused is a danger to society; he showed no remorse for his actions and was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will send a strong message to would-be rapist who fall prey to defenceless women and children.

Kind Regards,

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