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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE

On Friday, 10 March 2017, the Mqanduli Regional Court sentenced Mthuthuzeli Malayitsha (26) to life imprisonment after he was convicted for rape he committed three years ago.

According to evidence presented in court, on 05 December 2013, the victim, who was 19 years of age at the time, went to Ntsitshane village in the district of Mqanduli, looking for a school to enrol in for year 2014. On her way back from the school, she met Malayitsha, who dragged her to his homestead, in the same village. It was for the first time the victim had met the perpetrator. Upon arrival at his home, the rapist assaulted the victim with a sjambok and raped her four times. He then ordered the injured victim to leave at 07h00. When the victim got home, she informed her mother about her ordeal and a case was opened at Kwaiiman Police Station.

During the trial, Malayitsha pleaded not guilty claiming that he had consensual sexual intercourse with the victim. However, under cross examination by prosecutor Melikhaya Dyakopu, he contradicted himself and could not explain the injuries inflicted on the victim. Even the witnesses that were called by the defence contradicted each other, further proving beyond reasonable doubt that he was guilty as charged.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will serve as a deterrent to like-minded rapists.

Kind Regards,

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