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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

On Wednesday, 05 July 2017, Piet Mogoboya Motolla (29) was sentenced by the Tzaneen Regional Court to life imprisonment and 15 years imprisonment, following his conviction on a count of rape, and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The incident happened in December 2010, at Ga-Kgapane township in Bolobedu district. The accused and his accomplice accosted a 34 year- old female who was on her way home alone in the evening. The victim was struck by a bottle and robbed of her mobile phone. The two dragged the victim from the street to nearby bushes where they took turns in raping her. After the ordeal, the accused left the victim at the scene.

The victim could not identify the culprits as it happened in the dark. One of the accused was later arrested. He was further linked by the DNA evidence.

During the trial, the accused denied any involvement in the commission of the crimes. He pleaded not guilty, however he was found guilty as charged.

The State Prosecutor, Solly Ngobeni, presented the evidence of the victim who testified about how she was attacked and raped by the two unknown men. He further presented the evidence of the cell phone records as well as the DNA evidence which placed the accused on the scene of the crime.

In aggravation of sentence, Ngobeni called the victim to testify about the physical and psychological impact the incident had on her and further argued that the court should impose the prescribed minimum sentence, as there were no compelling and substantial circumstances for the court to deviate from the prescribed sentence.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape, and 15 years for robbery.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and DPP Advocate Ivy Thenga applauds the good work done by SPP Ngobeni.

Kind Regards,

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