

# Media Statement



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**TO : ALL MEDIA**

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**RE : RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE**

Last week, the Willowvale Regional Court sentenced Xolisa Nantsula (33) to life imprisonment for raping a teenage girl on New Year's Day last year.

According to evidence presented in court, Nantsula of Mazikhanye Locality in the Busila area in the district of Willowvale, ambushed the 16 year-old victim who was walking with other three girls from a traditional ceremony at about 20h00. He chased all the four girls, managed to catch the victim and stabbed her. He thereafter, demanded to have sex with the young girl and when the girl refused, he stabbed her further. He then raped his victim twice on an open field.

During the rapes, the victim called Nantsula, by his name, which prompted him to inflict more stab wounds on her after which he left her naked, apparently thinking she was dead as she was unconscious. When the victim regained her senses, she crawled to her home and was taken to hospital and the perpetrator was later arrested.

During trial, Nantsula pleaded not guilty but Regional Court Prosecutor, Fumanekile Kandile led the evidence of the victim and two of the girls who were in her company during the attack. They all positively identified the rapist, as he is their neighbour. Regional Court Magistrate, Zandisile Poni found Nantsula guilty and concurred with the state's submission that the only fitting sentence for the crime was life imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

**Luxolo Tyali**

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