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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS PLUS TEN YEARS

On Tuesday, 14 March 2017, the Mount Fletcher Regional Court sentenced Xolani Fufu (29) to two life terms after he was found guilty of raping a mother and daughter, and was sentenced to an additional ten years imprisonment for house breaking with intent to commit a crime.

According to evidence presented in court, on the night of 21 March 2016, Fufu broke into the house in which a 35 year-old mother was sleeping with her 13 year-old daughter in Paballong village in the district of Mount Fletcher. Once inside the house he reached for the main switch and switched the lights off. In the dark, he threatened his victims with a knife and raped the mother in front of her terrified daughter. The rapist then tied the teenager to the bed with shoelaces and raped her before raping her mother for the second time. He then demanded money but left when he was told that there was none.

When the case was reported to police, the victims could not identify the rapist but the daughter informed them that he was wearing a red tracksuit top and boots. Mount Fletcher Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (FCS) Unit investigations led to Fufu and blood samples were taken from him but he was not arrested immediately. When the DNA results came positively linking him to the crime he was arrested in November last year.

During the trial, the rapist pleaded not guilty raising an alibi that he was with his wife on the night in question but forensic evidence convinced the court that he is guilty as charged and he was duly sentenced. The sentences were not ordered to run concurrently.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and Director of Public Prosecutions in the Eastern Cape Division, Barry Madolo commends Regional Court Prosecutor Banele Mhlongo for ensuring that justice is served.

Kind Regards,

Luxolo Tyali

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