

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO 3 LIFE TERMS PLUS 51 YEARS IN PRISON**

The Port Elizabeth High Court gallery was full to capacity with members of the public, the family of three rape survivors and the media during the sentencing of convicted rapist, Kwanele Jack Kilana. He was charged with house breaking with intent to steal and theft, house breaking with intent to rob, robbery with aggravating circumstances, attempted robbery with aggravating circumstances, compelled sexual assault (3 counts) as well as 3 counts of rape of two Nelson Mandela University (NMU) students as well as another woman he raped near Greenacres in Port Elizabeth.

It was revealed in court papers that the two NMU students were raped and violated on 02 October 2017, at the NMU computer Lab in which they were working on a project. It was revealed in court papers that the third rape was committed earlier in July of 2017 in which a woman was violated near Greenacres in the District of Port Elizabeth.

The accused was linked to the rape (that happened in Greenacres) by DNA evidence, which came back positive and had to stand trial for that crime as well. The presiding Judge in this matter, Daylin Chetty when giving sentence, said that the commission of sexual offences in our country is of concern as it has particularly disadvantageous impact on vulnerable persons and society as a whole. He went on to stress that they need to be protected and our courts must be in a position to do that without fail should the state prove beyond reasonable doubt that indeed the accused was guilty and in this case, he believed the state has done so.

On 30 August 2018, the accused was found guilty and sentenced as follows: 3 life terms for rapes of the women and he received 3 years, 15 years, 18 years 10 years and 15 years respectively for the various counts preferred against him. Advocate Ismat Cerfontein based at the DDPP PE office expressed her satisfaction at the sentences

because she believes that the scars that were caused by these incidents will take a long time to heal as this has affected these rape survivors very deeply.

The Acting DPP, Advocate Indra Goberdan, applauds advocate Cerfontein and her team of investigators for a job well done.

Kind Regards,

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