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RE: RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE AND 95 YEARS

A 32 year-old man from Stanger was sentenced to life and 95 years imprisonment in the Durban High Court yesterday after pleading guilty to nine counts of rape and seven counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The accused committed these crimes in the Groutville, Thembeni, Charlottedale and Chibini areas from 2011 to 2016, where he would attack the complainants while on their way to work, church or school. The accused would rape the complainants and then make off with their money and/or cell phones. On one occasion, the accused acted with two companions.

In order to overcome any resistance he may encounter from the women, the accused armed himself with a knife, and in some instances a gun was used. There were nine women in total, ranging from 16 to 55 years of age.

In aggravation of sentence Senior State Advocate Noxolo Dube handed in victim impact statements compiled by the complainants and facilitated by court preparation officer Prudence Geraud. In her statement, one complainant mentioned that the incident had caused her to perform poorly at school; while another told of the embarrassment she felt having to report the rape to her son.

The accused was linked via DNA to 8 of the complainants and the while DNA evidence from the ninth complainant was inconclusive; she recognised the accused and was able to identify him.

The accused was sentenced to life and 80 years imprisonment for the rapes and 15 years imprisonment for the robberies, which were taken as one for the purpose of sentencing.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Adv. Moipone Noko views this sentence as appropriate given the crimes committed. She said, "This sentence should go a long way in addressing the scourge of sexual violence."

Kind Regards,

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