

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: REPEAT RAPIST SENTENCED TO THREE LIFE TERMS PLUS FIVE YEARS**

Last month, on 18 October, the Port Elizabeth Regional Court sentenced Emile Booyesen (38) to three life imprisonment terms after convicting him on three counts of rape and a count of kidnapping, for which he was sentenced to five years.

The court heard that on 24 September 2016, Booyesen was walking with the 26 year-old woman, well known to him, in Booyesenspark, Port Elizabeth, when he suddenly pulled her to a bush and raped her more than once. After her ordeal, the victim immediately went to report the rape and was taken to Dora Nginza Thuthuzela Care Centre. Booyesen was arrested the following day when the victim pointed him out to the police at his place of residence.

While out on bail, Booyesen accosted two women, aged 21 and 35, who were walking home from celebrating a birthday at a tavern just after midnight on 01 October 2017. The rapist asked to accompany them as it was at night but they declined his offer. He, however, took out a knife and forced the terrified women to his house at Qunu Informal Settlement in Chetty and raped them repeatedly until the next morning.

During trial, Booyesen pleaded not guilty to all charges and denied that any sexual intercourse took place on both incidents. Advocate Kenny Van Biljon, for the state, led evidence of the victims and the first people to whom the victims reported the rapes. Magistrate Bara found that the state had managed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that Booyesen was guilty as charged.

In aggravation of sentence, Advocate Van Biljon submitted a pre-sentence and victim-impact report prepared by the Department of Social Development official, C Van der Mescht, which stated that all the victims still struggle to deal with the rapes despite having received counselling. One of the victims was celebrating her birthday on the night of the rape and her birthday would be a constant reminder each year of her ordeal in the hands of Booyesen.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will serve as a deterrent to like-minded rapists who intend targeting defenceless women.

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