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RE: SENTENCED TO SIX LIFE SENTENCES FOR RAPE & MURDER

Charles Mthetwa, a Zimbabwean national ((35) was handed six life sentences by the Local Division of Thohoyandou after he was convicted of murder and five counts of rape. These offences were committed during the period of October 2006 and 2014 in the Vhembe district, until 14 March 2016 when he got arrested in the Gauteng Province for similar offences.

His victims were attacked in the early hours when rushing to work. In his raping spree, he is alleged to have strangled some woman to death.

He pleaded guilty on all charges and was found guilty as charged. In aggravation of sentence, Advocate Nnyambeni Nekhambele led the evidence of the child of the deceased and the evidence of the witness who is now crippled due to injuries sustained on the day of the incident. The DNA results positively linked him to rape offences.

Advocate Nekhambele asked the court to deem him unfit to possess a fire arm, unsuitable to work with children and that his name be entered into the National Register for Sex Offenders. He submitted to the court that the accused is dangerous to the community and should be removed and be kept in prison for life.

The court indicated that it could not find anything substantial that justifies deviation from the minimum sentence. The court sentenced him to six life sentences which were ordered to run concurrently.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the DPP, Advocate Ivy Thenga applauded advocate Nekhambele for a job well done.

Kind Regards,

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