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RE: SERIAL RAPIST SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT & 30 YEARS

The Western Cape High Court has sentenced serial rapist, Siyamcela Ntombini (32) of Kanana, Gugulethu to life imprisonment and an extra 108 years after convicting him on several counts of kidnapping, rape and theft targeting desperate unemployed young women. The court ordered some of the sentences to run concurrently, thus giving the accused life and 30 years direct imprisonment.

He was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for each count of rape and life imprisonment for one count of rape where he raped the complainant twice. The court ordered that all sentences of rape run concurrently meaning life imprisonment. The court further sentenced the accused to 65 years for the 13 counts of kidnapping but ordered that this sentence run concurrently with the life sentence above. The accused was further sentenced to 6 years and six months for kidnap, also to run concurrently with the life sentence. Another six years and six months was added to run concurrently with the life sentence for the 13 theft charges of the complainants' belongings.

For the illegal possession of firearm, the accused was sentenced to 15 years direct imprisonment but not running concurrently with the life imprisonment and another 15 years for the illegal possession of ammunition and discharging of a firearm also not running concurrently with the life imprisonment.

Ntombini lured these young women who were either employed or hoping to get better jobs to the outskirts of Bellville. The neatly dressed serial rapist would approach the young women and tell them that his boss was looking for cleaners at Tygerberg Hospital or inform them of an offer of work close to Tygerberg Hospital. He would offer to walk with them to the place of the potential job offer and on the way he would advise them of a short cut he knew. Once they were in a deserted area, he would threaten them, rape them and steal their meagre belongings.

After his arrest in Kanana, Gugulethu, the accused was linked to the crimes by the complainants who identified him at the scene of his arrest, during an identity parade and by DNA evidence. Despite overwhelming evidence against him, the accused denied ever meeting the young women, raping them, stealing from them and he didn't know how his DNA matched the one found on the victims. He told the court that he was last in Bellville in 2010. The incidents happened between 2014 and 2015 – over a period of a year.

During arguments in aggravation of sentence, Advocate Pulane Thaiteng asked the court to impose a double life sentence on the accused. She further argued that if the court would not deviate from the prescribed sentences, the accused would face 200 years imprisonment. She said the accused failed to take the court to his confidence and pleaded guilty in the face of the overwhelming evidence against him and did not show remorse.

The court agreed with her and declared the accused unfit to possess a firearm.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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