

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 25 MAY 2017

RE: SERIAL RAPIST SENTENCED TO SEVEN LIFE TERMS PLUS 388 YEARS

A 38 year-old man from Galeshewe, described as a serial rapist by the Northern Cape High Court has today been sentenced to seven life sentences plus 388 years after he was found guilty of 31 counts of rape and two counts of attempted rape.

Judge President Frans Kgomo sentenced Christiaan Cornelius Julies to seven life sentences for raping seven girls who were aged between 13 and 16 years. He further sentenced Julies to 16 years for each count of seven rapes with aggravating circumstances and 15 years for each count of the other 17 rape charges. Julies was also sentenced to 21 years for two counts of attempted rape.

The court heard that Julies went on a rape spree from 24 March 2012 until 23 January 2015 when he travelled 3210km preying on vulnerable women. The rapes took place in Galeshewe, Ritchie, Olifantshoek, Upington, Kathu, Postmansburg, Pampierstad and Mahikeng. He was arrested on 23 January 2015 about a month after the last offence was committed.

He pleaded not guilty to all the charges claiming that the sexual intercourse was consensual.

Advocate Ronewa Makhaga, representing the state refuted Julies' claims because the traumatic effect the incidents had on the victims was clear when they testified. He stated that the accused had planned his acts carefully.

"It is clear these offences were premeditated. The timing was planned because the accused pounced when the women were alone. He would ask for water to drink from the complainants and once he has established that they were alone, he would then attack them," said Makhaga.

Julies pounced on women who were walking alone from the taverns. He threatened the complainants with a knife before dragging them into the bushes. In other instances, he would ask for water from the complainants and attack them once he has established that they are alone.

Nine of the rapes were committed on children who were under the age of 18 years. The youngest complainant was 13 years old. Some of the under-age complainants were on their way to school when they were approached and raped by Julies.

Makhaga informed the court that Julies has no respect for women because "in one incident, the accused even boasted to his victim that he had taken her virginity. He never used a condom in any of the incidents, even if the complainants asked him to do so. He exposed all the complainants to sexually transmitted disease."

Judge Kgomo said that he found it strange that Julies will claim that the sexual intercourses were consensual because none of the complainants ever saw Julies prior to the attacks. Judge Kgomo ordered the 388 years to run concurrently with the seven life terms. He also ordered Julies' name to be included in the National Register for Sex Offenders.

Judge Kgomo further ordered that Julies may henceforth not work with children or hold any position that places him in an authority over children or operate any business that involves children.

The acting Director of Public Prosecutions in the Northern Cape, Advocate Abram Botha has commended the good work that was done by the investigating team led by Captain Teboho Masebe and the prosecutors, Advocate Makhaga and Quinton Hollander in ensuring that the accused gets the harshest punishment possible for his devious actions.

Kind Regards,

Phaladi Shuping

Regional Spokesperson: DPP Free State

Enquiries: pshuping@npa.gov.za

083 699 5900