

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: SIX LIFE SENTENCES FOR RAPIST**

A 37 year-old man was sentenced to six terms of life imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court last week for the rape of six children in the Sawoti area of Kwa-Zulu Natal. The incidents took place in June 2017.

The children, all girls aged between six and 11 years old were known to the accused as he was related to them and lived in the same neighborhood. He lured them while they were walking past his home or playing with their friends. After raping them, he threatened them with a firearm that he kept in his room. Some children were given money, either R2 or R5, after he raped them.

He was eventually arrested after some of the complainants were overheard talking about their experiences. They were questioned further and the accused's offences were revealed.

Prosecutor, Sibusiso Mhlongo led the testimonies of the complainant, the first reports and the evidence of the doctor.

The accused was also sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for the possession of an unlicensed firearm; this will run concurrently with the effective life sentence.

The Kwa-Zulu Natal Director of Public Prosecutions, Adv. Elaine Khuzwayo welcomes the sentence. She said, "I hope that this sentence assists in addressing the scourge of sexual offences rife in the country. This is indicative of our on-going fight against crimes of this nature."

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