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RE: TEMBISA SERIAL RAPIST RECEIVES A PUNITIVE SENTENCE

Ekurhuleni serial rapist, Joseph Rasemphe Mahloma was sentenced to 20 life imprisonment terms plus 520 years by the High Court in Johannesburg on Friday, 25 January 2019.

The 28 year-old rapist, committed crimes around the east of Johannesburg in Ivory Park and Tembisa, since January 2011. He was found guilty of 94 criminal charges which include 15 counts of kidnapping, numerous counts of unlawful possession of firearms, 20 counts of rape, robbery with aggravating circumstances, sexual assault and defeating the ends of justice.

Mahloma's modus operandi was that of breaking into the victims' residence; rob the occupants and thereafter rape women and teenagers. He would sometimes take them to a second spot to rape and force them to use drain water to wash their genitals to destroy DNA evidence that could incriminate him.

To strengthen the evidence in this case, the NPA worked with the Forensic Psychology Investigating Unit (FPIU) to conduct a linkage analysis report that served to examine factors which proved without any doubt that Mahloma was the perpetrator.

Some of the victims testified that they have permanent emotional scars, and did not have trust in men anymore after their horrific rape incidents.

In handing down the judgement, Judge Leicester Adams said that Mahloma shows no remorse for what he had done. "The victims were forced to wash their private parts with contaminated water, while others were forced to walk long distances to their homes after they were dragged to open fields", the judge said. Judge Adams further remarked that there were no prospects of rehabilitation for Mahloma.

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Immediately after sentence was passed, Mahloma brought an application for leave to appeal. State prosecutor Leisha Surendra argued that there was overwhelming evidence against Mahloma. Her submissions were that no reasonable court would come to a different conclusion. Judgement was reserved for Friday, 01 February 2019.

Kind Regards,

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