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**RE: THREE LIFE TERMS & TEN YEARS FOR RAPES & MURDER OF A MINOR
& STACHA ARENDSE**

The Western Cape High Court sentenced Randy Tango to three life terms and ten years imprisonment after convicting him on three counts of rape and murder. The court also ordered that Tango's name be included in the National Register of Sex offenders.

Tango (32) was charged with the rape of a 14 year-old minor that took place in 2008. The girl was a friend of his sister. In his plea explanation, the accused admits that he knew that the girl was a minor. He invited the girl and her friend to come smoke a cigarette with him. While his friends kept the minor's friend busy, he took the minor to a backroom in Matroosberg Crescent, Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain where the rape occurred.

A child who is now eight years-old was born the following year after the rape. The court was told that Tango and the rape victim after the rape ordeal became involved in a relationship and that they lived together for three years.

On 27 March 2017, Tango raped and murdered an 11 year-old girl who stayed four houses from his house. He confessed in his plea explanation that he knew Stacha Arendse from seeing her and that he also knew her parents. He knew that she was 11 years-old as he observed her from his front yard on the afternoon of that day. He sent another child to call Arendse and the victim came innocently as she was called by an adult. He called her into his yard, he went into his house and the little girl followed him.

He closed the door behind him and the girl begged him not to hurt her. She promised to do anything for him. He then asked the young girl if she would sleep with him. He took her to the bedroom where he raped her. She begged him to stop and when he refused, the victim promised to tell her mother. The rapist told the girl that he was not "going to jail for this". He then strangled her until she died, wrapped her tiny body in a sheet,

placed it in a dustbin and pushed it to the Tafelsig Soccer Field. He took her body out, and dumped it in the bushes. He undressed her, took her clothes and the sheet and dumped them in a different spot. He then went home with the dustbin.

He admitted his intention to kill the girl, as he was scared she was going to tell someone what had happened. He was arrested on 28 March 2017. Initially, he agreed to enter into a plea and sentencing agreement but changed his mind. Advocate Maresa Engelbrecht argued that in order for the court to show repugnance and abhorance to the crimes which the accused committed against the deceased, it should impose life imprisonment on each of the rape charges as well as the murder committed in respect of Stacha Arendse.

The court agreed and sentenced him to ten years for the rape charge that occurred in 2008 and three life terms for two rapes on Stacha Arendse and her murder.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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