

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: TSHEPISONG SERIAL RAPIST SENTENCED TO 15 X LIFE PLUS  
105 YEARS**

A 32 year-old man was sentenced to 15 life plus 105 years imprisonment on Wednesday, 20 June 2018. Kito Christopher Malumbele was convicted by the High Court, Johannesburg on a total of 52 counts which included 12 counts of rape, 2 counts of accomplice to rape, 1 count of compelled rape, 3 counts of causing a person older than 18 years to witness a sexual offence; 17 counts of kidnapping, 16 counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances and 1 count of possession of a firearm.

The man started his reign of terror in Tshepisoong, Kagiso on 26 April 2014 and continued his rape-and-robbing-spree for almost two years. During 2016, the investigating officer received one of the cases unbeknown to him that there were 13 more to come. He traced the accused by using the telephone records of the victim's robbed cell phone. The accused was arrested on 17 June 2016. After the accused's DNA was positively linked to the case, the Forensic Science Laboratory issued an investigative lead report that linked the accused to 13 more cases.

The accused ambushed his victims and held them at knife point while dragging them into open fields. There he would rob them of their belongings and rape them. In some of the cases, the accused and his accomplice raped the daughters and mothers in one another's company. In one of the cases, the court heard that the accused forced one of his victims to lay down her baby whom she carried on her back and raped her while her baby was crying right next to them.

In aggravation of sentence, the State Advocate, Nerissa Muller presented the evidence of Captain Myburgh from the Investigative Psychology Unit of SAPS. Captain Myburgh classified the accused as a serial rapist and testified that rape is deeply damaging and results in serious long-term psychological trauma for the victim. She testified that during

her interview with the accused he still vehemently denied that he committed these crimes. Instead, he claimed that he might have had consensual sex with some of the victims. He said he doesn't recognise any face of the women as they were "one night stands". This, she testified, indicates that the accused has no respect for women and only see them as sexual objects. She indicated to the court that the accused has proven that he has a very poor prognosis for rehabilitation and will most likely remain a threat to society as long as he is alive.

The horrific aftermath for the victims were described in detail in their victim impact statements which was read into the record by State Advocate Nerissa Muller during the sentencing procedure that most of the victims are still intensely traumatised, can't walk alone in the streets and donot trust any man. Some of them lost their jobs as a result of the trauma that they are unable to deal with, she added.

Advocate Muller argued that rape is regarded by society as one of the most heinous crimes, yet it remains prevalent. A rapist does not murder his victim, he murders her self-respect and destroys her feeling of physical and mental integrity and security. His monstrous deed often haunts his victim and subjects her to mental torment for the rest of her life, a fate often worse than loss of life, she said. She requested the court to sentence the accused to the minimum sentence of life imprisonment for each of the rapes as well as in the cases where the accused was found guilty as an accomplice to rape.

In handing down the sentence the judge described the accused as a beast and a very evil man. He stated that the accused abused the hospitality of South Africa and committed the most horrendous crimes against the vulnerable citizens of the country, women. The judge found that the accused do not care about the harm, trauma and discomfort he caused his victims and should be permanently removed from society.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will serve as a deterrent to like-minded rapists who intent targeting defenceless women.

Kind Regards,

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