

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: TWO RAPISTS SENTENCED TO 5 LIFE TERMS EACH IN PRISON**

The Port Elizabeth High Court sentenced two convicted rapists, Nkosinathi Nonkombana and Vuyolwethu Zwelibanzi to five life terms each last month. The court papers reveal that on 09 November 2013, Selina Geelbooi went to the flat of the accused 2 with her boyfriend, accused 1. Upon arrival at the flat, accused 1 demanded to have sex with her. She refused as their relationship was only a week old. He began to assault her and eventually raped her.

Accused 2, who was a friend of accused 1, entered the room; the complainant reported to him what was happening and asked for assistance instead, he also joined in the act of rape. She begged them to open the door so that she can go and relieve herself and she used this opportunity to flee half naked. She fled to the neighbour's house and asked for help.

The police were summoned and the complainant pointed out the house at which she was raped and accused 1 was still at the house. Inside the house, the complainant pointed out a group photograph and amongst the group she pointed out accused 2 as the person who also raped her. They were both arrested.

The court charged with five counts of rape. During trial, victim impact statement was led in aggravation of sentence. It revealed that the complainant was severely traumatised by the rape. She was petrified that the accused would come back and kill her as these were discussions that they had whilst they were raping her. At some point she had to leave Port Elizabeth because of these fears. She could not concentrate at work because of flashbacks of the rape and eventually lost her job. A few months after the rape he was diagnosed with HIV and is currently on treatment.

The court successfully convicted them on all five counts of rape and sentenced them to life imprisonment on each count. Advocate Andre Canary representing the state on this matter voiced his satisfaction on the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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