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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **MEC MCHUNU WELCOMES THE SENTENCING OF ESHOWE RAPIST TO MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT.**

THE MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Willies Mchunu has applauded the decision of Eshowe Court of sentencing a rapist to more than twenty years of imprisonment, saying this would send a clear message that the long arm of the law would always catch up with criminals of all sorts.

This week (Tuesday, September 3, 2013) Eshowe Regional Court convicted and sentenced Sifiso Nyandeni, 24, to twenty-two years imprisonment for house robbery and rape that happened at Sandpaper Road, Mandeni.

On 20 August 2012, at approximately 10:00, the victim (20) was busy hanging the washing outside the house where she was employed as a domestic worker when an unknown man pounced and threatened her at knife point.

The court found that Nyandeni grabbed the victim inside the house, gagged her with a scarf while ransacking the house. When he finished packing all the valuable items he raped her and fled the scene on foot.

Mchunu has expressed satisfaction with the decision of the court, saying people like Nyandeni belong into the prison.

**“People, who commit crime and those who do what is against the law, must face consequences of their deeds. I welcome the sentence and I am sure that others who think of doing the same will think twice. Our police are hard at work and they are watching criminals. We do not have a place for criminals in our society. I want to also to thank the police for the work well done in apprehending this man and ensuring that he faces the full might of the law,”**  
said Mchunu.

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