



community safety,  
security & liaison  
**MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Building No. 4, 2nd Floor, No. 7 Government Boulevard, Riverside Park, Ext 2, Mbombela, 1200, Mpumalanga Province  
Private Bag X 11269, Mbombela, 1200. Tel: 013 766 4062, Fax: 013 766 4615

Litiko Letekuphepha  
Kwemphakatsi, Kuvikeleka  
NeKutsintsana

Umnyango Wezokuphepha  
komphakathi,  
Ukuvikeleka NoKuxhumana

Departement van  
Gemeenskapsveiligheid,  
Sekuriteit en Skakeling

## Media Statement

**28 April 2016**

### **MEC Shongwe welcomes the sentencing of Douglas Mogakane**

Mpumalanga Community Safety, Security and Liaison MEC Vusi Shongwe welcomes the sentencing of the infamous Douglas Mogakane to 96 years imprisonment.

Mogakane was sentenced at the Mhala Regional Court on 26 April 2016 on eight counts of kidnapping, eight robberies, two counts of rape and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH).

The MEC also welcomes the sentencing of Sello Mkhomazi to 439 year and nine months imprisonment for raping ten women including a 13 year old girl around KwaMhlanga and Vaalbank between 2009 and 2012.

Shongwe praises the Department of Justice for concluding the cases and making sure that the two culprits are imprisoned. He thanks the police under the leadership of Lieutenant General Mondli Zuma for working tirelessly to get enough evidence to prove their guilt.

“This is one of the milestones we must celebrate as government for making sure that criminals like Mogakane and Mkhomazi face the law. Communities depend on us for their safety; therefore we must always win their trust.

“These kind of cases restore the trust of communities on police and also help to strengthen the working relationship between them. We must always make sure that people such as Mogakane and Mkhomazi are removed from our communities,” he says.

The MEC also thanks communities for assisting police with information during investigation and encourages them to continue working with police to fight against crime.

“Crime affects everyone; therefore it is not the responsibility of government and police alone but for communities too, that is why we have safety forums in communities where people should participate. The fight against crime can be won with communities’ partnerships,” he says.

Ends

**Enquiries: Joseph Mabuza**

**Tel: 013 756 6371**

**Mobile: 082 678 1450**

**E-mail: [emabuza@mpg.gov.za](mailto:emabuza@mpg.gov.za)**

