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**SENTENCING OF THREE MEN CONVICTED OF
HIJACKING AN EMRS VEHICLE AND ASSAULT ON
EMRS STAFF**

At the High Court in Pietermaritzburg, at about 11h30 Justice Combrick delivered a sentence on the three men accused of hijacking an ambulance and assaulting staff.

The three men were sentenced as follows:

- § Accused 1 : 25 years
- § Accused 2 : 20 years
- § Accused 3 : 25 years & life imprisonment

The Dept of health welcomes the sentence, and hopes that it will send a strong message to potential hijackers and rapists, that the hijacking of ambulances and state employees will be met with the full might of the law.

We believe the sentence will go a long way in assuring our employees that crimes committed against them are taken seriously



as they risk their lives daily in ensuring the well-being of the communities they serve day and night.

The Department would like to thank all the law enforcement officers involved in this case for working tirelessly to ensure that justice is not only done, but is seen to be done.

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