

**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Andy Kawa Wins Case Against South African Police Service at Court**

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*“My long, grueling journey of trauma, which had the most debilitating and destructive effect on every aspect of my life, seemed in vain. For ten years the rape had been constantly kept alive in my mind, inhibiting my recovery. I had exercised my legal right to hold the state via the police, accountable to protect women from sexual violence. The only thing I could do was to continue to fight. I was not going to give up.”*

~ writes Andy Kawa in her book, Kwanele, Enough!

More than 12 years later, Andy Kawa finally gets justice in the long awaited judgment handed down by the Constitutional Court today which found the Minister of Police liable for the negligence in the conduct of the police search and investigation, thus prolonging harm to Ms. Kawa.

This judgment affirms The Wise Collective’s position when we first joined this case and that is to seek accountability from perpetrators of violence against women and those who are ceased with responsibility to ensure women’s constitutional right to safety such as the police and the State. This represents a bittersweet victory, Andy Kawa and all survivors of sexual violence deserve justice, but it must not come at such grave cost and more than a decade later - we can do better! Nonetheless we are grateful for Andy’s tenacity to keep fighting because justice for her is justice for all victims and survivors whose plight is failed by police inaction and negligence.

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