‘It can happen to you’

By Jason van Deventer

JESSICA Foord is an incredible and courageous woman. Only days after being brutally gang raped by a group of youths at a dam near the Durban Shongweni Club, the fiery Waterfall resident wants to warn others to be more aware so that they do not have to go through what she, and her father, experienced.

Jessica and her father Tim were walking the dogs on Sunday 2 March at 2pm when the attack happened. "We were filming the dogs playing in the dam. We had driven past the group of guys, and we even exchanged waves," said the 21-year-old.

Her father continued: "We had noticed the group fishing and when they got nearer, we packed up the dogs and moved to the other side of the dam. All of a sudden they disappeared."

Jessica said: "The next thing I knew there was a gun in my face."

After robbing the father and daughter the men, believed to be a gang of six or seven and between the ages of 17 and 20, tried to steal the family's bakkie. "We told them to just take everything and go. They could not even drive the bakkie, I had to tell them where reverse was," said the angry father.

The men suddenly turned and forced the two into a nearby ditch where they beat Tim before tying him up. Four of the men then took Jessica to a nearby flat rock and gang raped her.

"I am not sure exactly how many men raped me, because one of the men pulled out a knife so I closed my eyes and just kept still," said Jess.

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"To the othe… happen, yes, it … don't have to go … it together. Look… being sad that it … you are alive," s… woman.

By Sarah Paterson

A PEACEFUL gathering against rape and demanding dignity for women took an ugly turn on Friday, when a passing woman was threatened with rape - by a protestor.

While stuck in the Hillcrest traffic jam, a protestor walked towards her car chanting "Say no to rape!"

The woman said: "He looked into my car and said, 'Hoot if you're against rape!'."

Nervous, she ignored the protestor.

"He then shouted, 'Hoot you f*$%hole or you are next!'.

"Another walked past and called me a bitch."

Outraged, she said: "These guys get off on causing havoc, stopping cars and waving banners. This was not about law and order. It's a sick irony because people were holding signs that said dignity for women."

Jessica Foord, who was gang raped the previous weekend, posted a message on her Facebook wall, "...there is a silent stand... This is a silent thing please NO protesting!!!"

It started outside the Pinetown court. People fed up with crime, and moved by

People rushed at police vans l… with suspects for court appearan… see if the alleged rapists were ins…

Some people then grew agi… rocking the vans, jumping on the… banging on the sides while shout… those inside.

The crowd moved to Hillcrest … being told the men had appeared th… before and were at Hillcrest SAP…

For a while the protest teetered … brink of violent confrontation. H… arguments broke out between … and protesters.

Demands to hand the suspects … crowd echoed through the air and … ple took turns at addressing the … charged with the gang rape.

Hillcrest SAPS Superintendent … Joseph spoke about the protest. H… there were "very good people the… a lot of radicals who took advanta… the situation."

Foord, who had been thrilled … turnout and thanked all for the su… said she felt the banging on van … screaming was, "a bit much."

She had been advised by her … sellor not to go and when told … rape threat to the motorist and … violent clashes, she said: "It wa… posed to be a silent stand but if …

‘You’re next!’ woman warned

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FATHER HELD AT GUNPOINT AS DAUGHTER IS VIOLATED

Gang rape of woman shocks community

KAMINI PADAYACHEE

HILLCREST residents are reeling in shock after a woman was gang-raped while her [illegible] gunpoint at a

and recovered the man's vehicle yesterday about 1km from where the incident had happened.

Anthony Cox, a family friend, said the man and his daughter were traumatised.

"Physically the man and his daughter are fine, but they have emotionally damaged. [illegible] recovering at

group of men also fishing and greeted them.

The next thing they knew they were attacked by men armed with guns and knives. They forced them into a ditch. They then held the father at gunpoint and tied him to a tree. The men then raped the girl."

Cox said the police dog unit and special task force officers chased after the men who were travelling in the stolen vehicle.

"The men saw the police [illegible] to a tree and

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Rape victim tells of district surgeon ordeal

was the rape terrible, but the entire [illegible] afterwards was awful,"

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Rape Victims Must Be Heard

The brutal rape [illegible]

directions avoid getting near the car.

Hold your purse close to you and avoid carrying valuables and extra money.

If you are being followed go to e nearest business or residence help.

o not pick up hitchhikers ether they are male or female.

not leave a party or social t with someone that you have met.

ver allow people that you do now to enter your house

GANG RAPE WOMAN TELLS HER STORY

Survivor plans to help other women

KLOOF resident Tim Foord puts a comforting arm around his daughter Jessica's shoulders. Jessica and her father were attacked by five men last weekend. Jessica was raped several times by the men

PICTURE: TERRY HAYWOOD

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STATS

- 1 IN 3 WOMEN WILL BE RAPED BEFOR THE AGE OF 21
- 50% OF THOSE WOMEN WILL BE UNDER THE AGE OF 10
- A YOUNG GIRL LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS A GREATER CHANCE OF BEING RAPED THAN SHE DOES OF LEARNING HOW TO READ
- SOUTH AFRICA HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PER CAPITA THAN ANYWHERE ELS IN THE WORLD
- 90% OF RAPISTS ARE REOFFENDERS

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PRIVACY

- **WHAT SAMPLES ARE TAKEN ?**

VICTIM

PERPETRATOR

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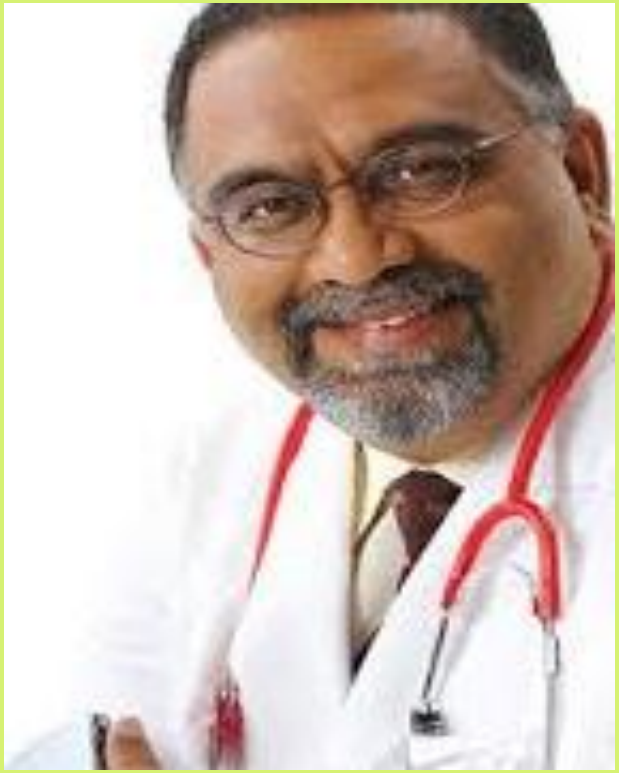
- **WHO TAKES IT?**

VICTIM



PERPETRATOR

- **WHAT IS STORED?**

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‘I became a survivor. My main issue is that, in a country as beautiful and incredible as this, why can we not experience peace?’

- Jessica Foord, gang rape survivor

Foord on a mission to help rape victims

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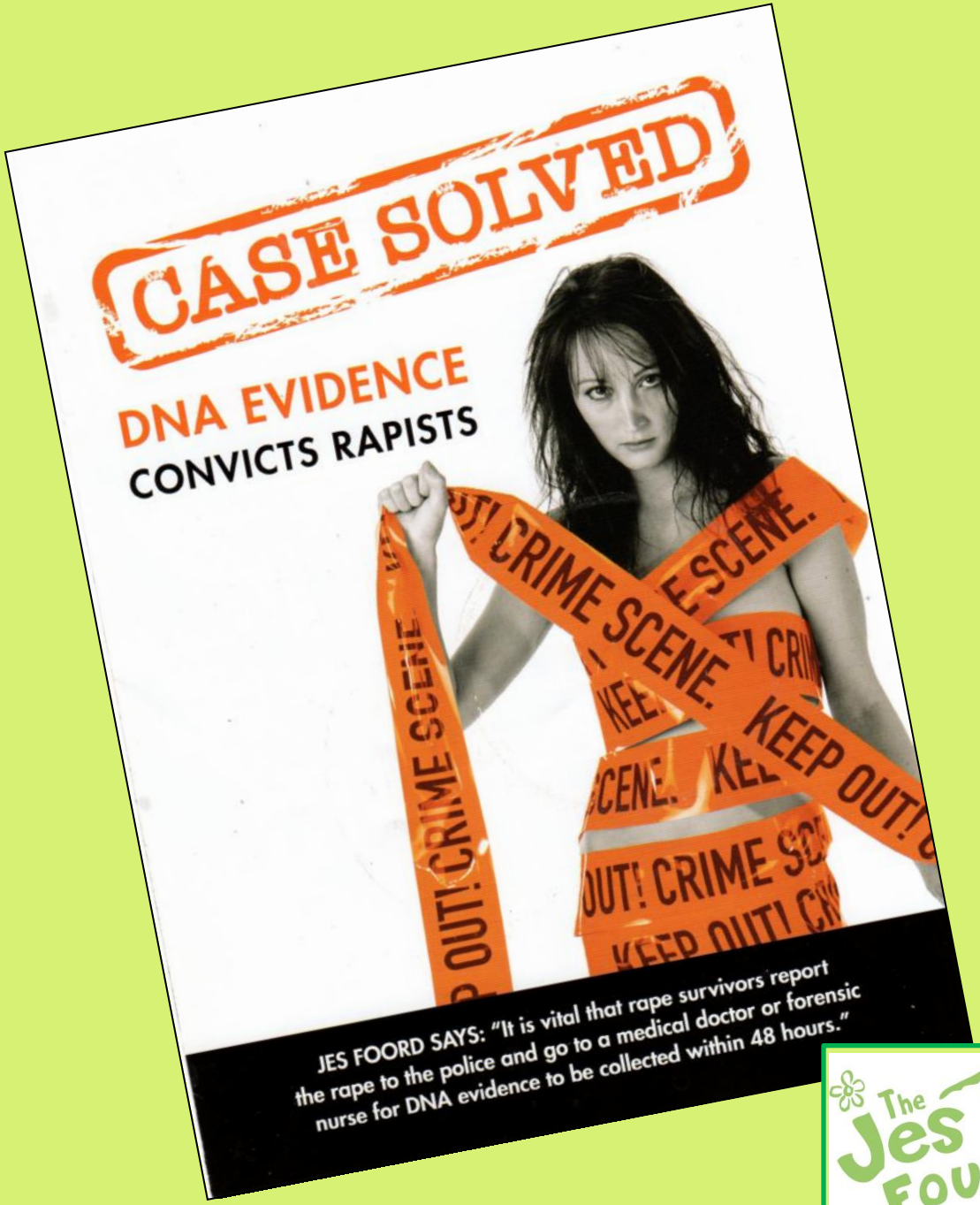

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