



THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL
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The Supreme Court of Appeal, this morning, refused the release on bail of Mr Abdul Mutalied Rudolph, thereby confirming the refusal of bail by the magistrate at Goodwood and the Western Cape High Court.

On 30 March 2009 Mr Rudolph, who was on bail of R2000 pending charges of attempted murder and rape of his former wife, was served with an interdict obtained by his current wife, who separated from him a month before, to prevent him from, amongst other things, threatening, contacting or visiting her at her home or place of employment. On 29 April 2009 Mr Rudolph, despite the interdict, went to his wife's place of employment, where he allegedly attacked her in barbarous fashion. He allegedly slit her throat with a carpet knife, poured petrol over her and tried to set her alight. When his attack on her was interrupted by her colleagues, he proceeded to slit his own throat and left. Both survived the incident.

During May 2009 Mr Rudolph, at the age of 30, suffered two major heart attacks and a stroke which left him with permanent damage to his heart. During June 2009 he applied for bail,

advancing his fragile physical condition as an exceptional circumstance that warranted his release on bail.

The Supreme Court of Appeal found that Mr Rudolph's medical needs are adequately taken care of despite his imprisonment. His appeal to be released on bail was refused because he at no stage explained any of the allegations against him and as a result the court was unable to find that he would not in future act in accordance with his illustrated propensity to violence and to ignore court orders.