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RE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR SERIAL KILLER

Themba Vilakazi (33) was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Pretoria North Circuit Court on Wednesday, 05 August 2015. During 2005, three bodies were found in Pretoria, along the railway tracks. They were all black males.

One was found in July, the other one in August and the third one in November of 2005.

The first two bodies were naked with several stab wounds on the chest. Clothes were also found on the scene. In respect of the third incident, the knife was recovered on the scene. In 2012, the accused was arrested for raping a male victim. His DNA matched all the above three cases.

In his plea, the accused stated that he was a 'Satanist' and he had received instructions from the underworld to kill the three deceased which he complied with.

In aggravation of sentence, state advocate Bakedi Maoke stated that the only reason the accused had pleaded guilty was because of the overwhelming evidence against him. She further stated that the accused killed all the deceased in a brutal manner and that the accused showed regret, not remorse. He was not motivated by his religion or his personal circumstances to commit the crimes.

This factor greatly reduces his chances of rehabilitation. He deserved to be removed from society permanently.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence.

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