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RE: 12 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR CAR-JACKERS

Last week, the Durban Regional Court sentenced Mlungisi Professor Msweli and Lindelani Nivard Xaba to 12 years imprisonment after they pleaded guilty to robbery with aggravating circumstances. Xaba also pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Earlier this month, the 66-year-old complainant was in the Prospecton area when the two accused approached him. They threatened him with a knife and then made off with his vehicle. The police spotted the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The accused crashed into several other vehicles as they tried to evade the Police. They eventually stopped the vehicle due to traffic and were arrested.

In aggravation of sentence, public prosecutor, Vishalan Moodley told the court that theft and hijacking of vehicles increases the financial burden on law-abiding citizens, as they have to invest money on car alarms, vehicle-tracking systems, smash and grab window film and steering locks.

This sentence demonstrates the National Prosecuting Authority's stance on motor vehicle robberies. Prosecutor Moodley is applauded for the job well done.

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