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RE: 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER

Last week, the Empangeni Regional Court sentenced Nhlanhla Bongani Dlangamandla to 15 years imprisonment, for the murder of his girlfriend earlier this year.

The accused and the deceased were in a relationship and lived together in a one-roomed dwelling in the Mkhoma area in Nseleni. On the day of the incident, a quarrel ensued after the deceased took the accused's cellphone. She was later found dead in the room.

In court, Regional Court Prosecutor Dan Magwaza led the evidence of two witnesses who intervened when the accused was assaulting the deceased with an open hand on her face. After intervening, both state witnesses returned to their respective rooms to sleep. The following morning they asked the accused about the whereabouts of his girlfriend and he answered that she was still sleeping.

That afternoon, both state witnesses forced themselves inside the room and found her body with visible strangulation marks on her throat. The witnesses told the court that the accused had assaulted the deceased earlier that week as well.

The accused was sentenced accordingly.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Advocate Elaine Zungu said, "this sentence is indicative of the zero-tolerance attitude taken by the criminal justice system towards intimate partner femicide. Congratulations to the Prosecution on the successful outcome."

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