

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: 18 YEARS FOR MURDER OF AN OLD MAN**

The Sibasa Regional Court sentenced Joe James Chiwaya Munyaka (38) to 18 years imprisonment for killing Andries Mulaudzi(71) of Davhana village.

On 21 February 2017, Munyaka was with his accomplice when they arrived at their friend's homestead. Upon arrival, they saw Mulaudzi and attacked him with a sharp object on the head without uttering a word. A passerby found Mulaudzi lying in the street and alerted the police.

The accused was arrested after two days. The trial experienced lengthy delays as the police were still tracing the accused's accomplice who is still at large. Two eye witnesses were called and linked the accused to the offence. In mitigation, the accused said he was kept in custody since his arrest in 2017.

In aggravation of sentence, Advocate Rabelani Mutsinda Makhera submitted that the court should impose the prescribed minimum sentence. Acting Regional Magistrate, Johnson Mukwevho, found that there were no compelling and substantial circumstances warranting the court to deviate from the minimum sentence of 15 years and the accused was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Ivy Thenga, thanked the prosecutor and investigation team for their dedication and hard work.

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