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RE: 2 X LIFE AND 30 YEARS FOR REVENGE KILLERS

The Pietermaritzburg High Court sentenced Philani Ndlovu (26) and Ayanda Makhehla Mkhize (22) to two terms of life and 30 years imprisonment each for the murders and attempted murders they committed in May 2019 in the Table Mountain area outside Pietermaritzburg.

Ndlovu and his brother were involved in an altercation with two men: Ayanda Cyprian Mkhize and Theminkosi Maphumulo. At some point, Ndlovu's brother, Sphamandla Ndlovu, was injured with a gunshot. Cyprian and Maphumulo then fled the scene.

Ndlovu enlisted the assistance of his co-accused, Ayanda Makhehla Mkhize and another assailant to exact revenge for his brother's shooting. They armed themselves with weapons and headed to Cyprian's homestead. On arrival they didn't find him there so they went to Maphumulo's homestead.

Maphumulo was not there either, but members of his family were. The men opened fire on the family members including Maphumulo's two sisters, his niece, his wife and his father. His sister, Kwenzekile Maphumulo (22) and her daughter Melokuhle Maphumulo (1-year-old) died at the scene while the other three family members suffered injuries.

The men then fled the scene and were later arrested by police.

Ndlovu and Mkhize were sentenced to life imprisonment for each of the two counts of murder and 10 years imprisonment for each of the three counts of attempted murder.

The matter was successfully prosecuted by Senior State Dheelan Naidoo.

The NPA welcomes the successful prosecution.

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