

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: 20 YEARS DIRECT IMPRISONMENT FOR ROBBERY**

Yesterday, the Moretele Regional Court sentenced Jacob Ramakgopa and Edmore Ndou to 20 years direct imprisonment for robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The two accused together with their companion, on 06 October 2009 went out to Pankop village at the pension pay community hall armed with fire arms. They robbed the post office personnel cash amounting to R230 000.00 and fled from the scene in a motor vehicle which lost control and overturned. Their companion died immediately.

The state managed to successfully argue that the defence did not place before the court substantial and compelling circumstances that warranted deviation from imposing the prescribed minimum sentence and further managed to convince the court that in fact the robbery was planned.

The DPP North-West, Advocate Moipone Noko, has welcomed the conviction and sentence in this matter, and hopes that this will have the deterrent effect and help to combat trio crime in her division. She also commended Tebogo Mosito for his efforts in prosecuting the matter.

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