

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION: CRIMINAL GANG RELATED MATTER**

Steady progress is being made in the successful prosecution of those who are involved in gang related activities in the Western Cape. Two hit men of the 28s criminal gang operating in Atlantis area were sentenced to three life terms and 80 years each at the Western Cape High Court yesterday. The court ordered that the sentences run concurrently meaning Craig Hendricks and Zayne Booyesen will effectively spend life in prison.

Hendricks and Booyesen were convicted on 25 August 2015 for Contravention of Section 9 (1) (a) of Prevention of Organised Crime Act (POCA) i.e. for being involved in gang related activities. They were also convicted on two counts of premeditated murder, eleven counts of attempted murder and three counts of illegal possession of firearm and ammunition.

Senior State Advocate John Reyneveld who successfully prosecuted the case asked the court to hand down life imprisonment for each of the accused in this case. "It's the only way the court is able to show that it is sending a very clear message that gang related activities will not be tolerated. It's a clear message to other potential criminals that such activities will not be tolerated by our courts and if any person gets himself or herself involved, they will face the same consequences. We are happy that the court imposed the maximum sentence on each count they were convicted on", he said.

The NPA welcomes this sentence and hope that the residents of the Cape Flats who are experiencing the wrath of the gangs on a daily basis will see that we are doing all we can to ensure that they feel and are safe.

Kind Regards,

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