

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR A POLICE MURDERER**

A Nyanga man was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Western Cape High Court yesterday after he was convicted for the murder of a police officer. Siphiwo Zondani was convicted for the murder of detective constable Mthetheleli Bernard Gunya, attempted murder of constable Vuyolwethu Mantashe and for the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The deceased officer and his colleagues, constable Mantashe and sergeant Mruyisi Booi based at the Nyanga police station were tracing a suspect in New Flats in the Nyanga township when Zondani came out of nowhere and started shooting at them. Detective Constable Gunya died on the scene.

Advocate Jacqueline Sibiya asked the court to impose a life imprisonment. Based on her strong arguments and the strength of the case, the court sentenced Zondani to life imprisonment for the murder, ten years for attempted murder and five years for illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition. The court ordered that the sentences for the attempted murder and illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition must run concurrently with the life sentence. This means the accused will spend life in prison.

The NPA welcomes this sentence.

Kind Regards,

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