

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: FIVE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER**

On 30 March 2016, the Port Elizabeth High Court sentenced Nceba Nkosi (23), Mfumdo Gocini (32) and Ntlakanipho Bukayi (18) to 5 years imprisonment for conspiracy to commit murder and life imprisonment for murder. Mhlali Gwana (16) was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for conspiracy to commit murder and 18 years for murder and these sentences will run concurrently. Francis Msomi (50) was fined R5000 or two years imprisonment and he was also fired as a member of the SAPS on a count of being an accessory after the fact to murder.

This case emanate from crime which was committed on 27 August 2011 when five men were recruited by the then wife of Mlungisi Michael Gwana who was a soldier by occupation to kill him. It emerged in court papers that the deceased was killed because the wife wanted to claim insurance money and one of the killers was the son of the deceased. It is alleged that before the killing a meeting was held between the accused men and the wife where a plot to kill the deceased was discussed. A vehicle was arranged where accused 4 and 5 drove the deceased who was drunk to Airport Valley under the guise of fetching someone from the airport.

As arranged earlier, accused 1, 2, and 3 and another person followed them in another vehicle which had been hired for this purpose by the accused. When they reached Walmer, accused 5 pretended that she was going to relieve herself and caused their car to be stopped. The vehicle with the other accused stopped behind the car with the deceased and they all alighted armed with knives and an axe that had been supplied by the wife. They all assaulted him with the aforementioned weapons and was left for dead.

The deceased was later found injured and taken to Livingstone Hospital where he died on 29 August 2011 as a result of "blunt force head injury". Subsequent to the death of

the deceased, accused 6 who was a police officer and was having an affair with accused 5, assisted her in claiming insurance policies and in withdrawing the monies paid by the said policies from the bank.

Accused 6 also continued to assist in paying the other accused for the role they played in the killing of the deceased in terms of their contract killing pact. He remained passive and omitted to act despite his legal duty to report and so allowing them to evade criminal liability and contributed to the completion of the arrangements hatched by them. Unfortunately the wife died during the course of the trial because she was diagnosed with breast cancer which began to spread and she succumbed to the illness. Advocate Moegamat Sandan based at the DDPP Port Elizabeth represented the state in this matter.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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