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RE: 22 YEARS FOR RAPE AND MURDER

On 11 April 2016, Msawenkosi Mthethwa (31) was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment in the Ntuzuma Regional Court after pleading guilty to the rape and murder of a 58 year-old woman last year.

The accused told the court that the victim had fallen asleep with her door open. He entered her bedroom, raped her and then strangled her with a piece of string.

In aggravation of sentence, Regional Court Prosecutor, Anusha Govender handed in a victim impact statement facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Xolile Mzobe wherein the family of the deceased detailed the psychological and financial trauma they have experienced as a result of her death.

The accused was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment for murder and 10 years imprisonment for rape. The court ordered that the sentences should run consecutively, thus resulting in an effective 22 years imprisonment.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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