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RE: 21 YEARS AND LIFE FOR ROBBERY AND MURDER

Thirty year old Mvuselelo Trinity Blose was given a term of life imprisonment and 25 years in the Durban High Court yesterday for the murder and robbery of a couple in August 2014.

The deceased, Steven John Edmunstone and his partner, Alvin Dudley Meyer were in their home in the Umgeni park area when the accused and his companion, who were armed with firearms, entered the house.

They first encountered Meyer and assaulted him with their firearms. When Edmunstone rushed to see what was happening, he was shot at and fatally wounded. He died at the scene.

The robbers fled, taking a laptop belonging to the complainant. The accused was subsequently arrested.

Advocate Bonginkosi Mbokazi led the testimony of five witnesses for the state. He also presented evidence through fingerprints that placed the accused on the scene of the crime. His argument in aggravation of sentence was that the murder was uncalled for. He told the court that since the accused and his companion had firearms they were in control of the situation and could easily have robbed the men without shooting the deceased.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, 10 years imprisonment for housebreaking with intent to rob and 15 years imprisonment for robbery with aggravating circumstances. The sentences will run concurrently with that of life.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN, Advocate Noko said the NPA is excited that justice has been dispensed as sentences like these will send out the desired deterrent message.

Kind Regards,

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