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RE: 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR GANGSTER

On Thursday, the Port Elizabeth Regional Court sentenced Sylvester Malgas to 8 years imprisonment for possession of an unlicensed firearm and 2 years imprisonment for the possession of ammunition.

On 25 August 2015, Crime Prevention members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Bethelsdorp were patrolling when they noticed the accused, Malgas, walking in Beck Street in Bloemendale. Malgas is an affiliate of the Upstand Dogs. As the police vehicle stopped next to Malgas he started to run. Police chased him and arrested him in a yard and found an unlicensed 9mm pistol which he had thrown into the grass.

State Prosecutor, Mary Ann Engelbrecht said she felt confident that the prosecutions team as well as the police were making a big difference in ensuring that gangsters go to jail and courts were delivering good sentences to those involved in these gangs.

The investigating officer Warrant Officer Rowan from the gang task team and Prosecutor Engelbrecht are commended for the good effort. The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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