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## BUSINESS PARTNER SENTENCED TO 36 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER

Mokete Solomon Shadung (37) was sentenced to an effective 36 years imprisonment in the Limpopo High Court last week after being convicted for the murder, robbery, theft and kidnapping of his business partner, Wayne Bruton.

The incident happened on 24 June 2008, when the deceased and the accused were together in Seshego. The accused assaulted the deceased and took his vehicle, bank card and cell phone.

After four days the accused was arrested and the body of the deceased was discovered buried in the yard of the accused. The cause of death was strangulation.

The state submitted that the only appropriate sentence on the murder charge should be life imprisonment. The court also found that the accused did not show remorse and he did not even apologise to the family of the deceased.

The court found that the accused did not show any substantial and compelling circumstances to deviate from the minimum prescribed sentence.

The DPP in Limpopo, Advocate Ivy Thenga congratulates advocate Manyenya Sebelebele for the successful prosecution and welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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