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RE: 17 YEARS FOR ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING

Tzaneen Regional Court sentenced Mohale Clement Mafotsa (33) to 15 years imprisonment for robbery with aggravating circumstances and 5 years for kidnapping of which the court ordered that 3 years on count two (kidnapping) is to run concurrently with 15 years on count 1. Therefore the effective sentence is 17 years imprisonment.

In December 2010, the accused and two other assailants (whose case was finalised on 21 September 2011 and were sentenced to 15 years imprisonment) hitchhiked along the road and as the complainant yielded at a stop sign, they all jumped into his open van, pointed a firearm at him and removed him from the driver's seat.

They then drove the van loaded with furniture to a secluded bushy area. They tied the victim with ropes, robbed him of his R500 cash and a cell phone and left him there.

The accused's accomplices testified for the state and the prosecution cited and addressed the court regarding the admissibility of such evidence and the accused was ultimately convicted.

The accused in mitigation of sentence did not submit any substantial and compelling circumstances for the court to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the Director of Public Prosecutions in Limpopo, Advocate Ivy Thenga commends the prosecution and the investigation team for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that justice is served..

Kind Regards,

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