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RE: DOUBLE LIFE FOR MURDERER

Sibongiseni Emmanuel Nyamazane (31) from Inanda in Durban was sentenced to two terms of life imprisonment in the Durban High Court on Monday for the murder of two women in 2014 as well as his failure to report the loss or theft or destruction of a firearm.

The accused and the first deceased, Nomathamsanqa Mntungwa, were in a romantic relationship with each other. This deceased was also the biological daughter of the second deceased, Thandiwe Petronella Mntungwa.

On 20 February 2014 Nomathamsanqa went to court to apply for a protection order against the accused. She was last seen with him and did not return home, her family later reported her missing. Her skeletal remains were found three months later by a passer-by in a sugar cane plantation in Mount Edgecombe. Post mortem reports revealed that the cause of death was most likely a gunshot wound.

Four days after the first murder, the accused approached the deceased's mother at her place of work. She was assaulted and shot dead.

Senior State Advocate, Vusi Xaba used circumstantial evidence in the state's case for the first murder. This was to the effect that the deceased was last seen in the accused's company. Also, cell phone evidence placed the accused at the scene where the skeletal remains of the deceased were found. Further, the accused told the court that he had given his firearm to the deceased and it was therefore no longer in his possession.

With regards to the second deceased, the state led the evidence of two witnesses who saw the accused shooting the woman.

Advocate Xaba asked the court to impose life imprisonment as the accused had shown no remorse throughout the trial. He said that the accused had even known the whereabouts of his fiancé's body but did not notify her family members.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for each of the murders and 10 years imprisonment on the firearm related charge. This will run concurrently with the life sentence.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN, Advocate Moipone Noko, 'The conviction and sentence in this matter is most welcomed. This was a calculated and pre-meditated offence. It is very unfortunate though that these women were killed by someone they knew and probably trusted.'

Kind Regards,

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