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RE: GRANNY KILLER SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS 28 YEARS

On Monday, 10 October 2016, the Mount Fletcher Regional Court sentenced Mncedisi Kibi, 34 to life for the murder of his grandmother and an additional 28 years imprisonment for house breaking with intent to commit an offence and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

According to his guilty plea explanation, on the night of 18 May 2013, Kibi broke into the hut in which his 75 year-old grandmother was staying on her own in Lalini Village in the district of Mount Fletcher. Upon entering, he strangled the frail granny with a belt until she was unconscious and he took R200. When he realised that the elderly woman was dead, he undressed her and inserted a syringe in her private parts so as to create an impression that her death was caused by the syringe.

The police investigation into the strange circumstances surrounding the murder of the granny hit a dead end and it was only revived recently when Kibi confessed to a neighbour that he was haunted by killing his own grandmother. The neighbour reported his confession to the police and the killer was arrested. Even though he pleaded guilty, the court found no compelling reasons for a lenient sentence, sentencing him to life for murder, ten years for housebreaking with intent to commit an offence and 18 years for robbery with aggravating circumstances. The sentences were not ordered to run concurrently.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and Director of Public Prosecutions in the Eastern Cape Division, Barry Madolo commends Regional Court Prosecutor, Banele Mhlongo for ensuring that justice is served.

Kind Regards,

Luxolo Tyali

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