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RE: 17 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR SHOP ROBBERS

Amphiwe Khumalo (25), Xolani Mngweba (28) and Zandisile Lubobo (23) were each sentenced to 17 years imprisonment in the uMzimkhulu Regional Court on Monday for a robbery they committed in August 2014.

Both complainants lived in rooms at the shop where they worked. On the night of the incident, they were asleep when they were accosted by the accused who demanded money at gunpoint. The women were then tied with electrical cables. One of them managed to untie herself and escape and as she was leaving she noticed the getaway car parked outside. She correctly identified this car to the police the next day however, the driver told them that the accused had asked him to drive them to the scene and wait in the car. He maintained that he wasn't aware of the robbery.

Since the accused wore balaclavas during the robbery, the women were not able to identify them. The driver then turned state witness and Regional Court Prosecutor, Siphon Nkonzo led his evidence in court. The court found this evidence credible and the accused were sentenced to 17 years imprisonment for each of the two counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances. The sentences will run concurrently.

The National Prosecuting Authority in KwaZulu Natal welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Kara

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