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RE: GANGSTER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

On 1 September 2016, the Port Elizabeth High Court handed down a life sentence to Ludonian Allies, a notorious gangster in the Northern Areas of Port Elizabeth. He was accused together with his friend who was a member of the Dustlife Gang Xandre Jansen. The court papers reveal that Allies was charged with murder, three counts of attempted murder, unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition.

This emanates from an incident that occurred on 2 November 2014 in which Joshua Guest was woken up in the wee hours of the morning by both Allies and Jansen and was shot four times and left wounded. They both proceeded on to another house where they shot and killed Nathan Jacobs, and they also shot Rushay Manuels and Christopher Lewis.

Lewis retaliated by shooting back at the accused and Jansen was shot in the leg. He was arrested in hospital where he was receiving treatment for the gunshot wound. Soon after the hospital incident, Jansen was shot dead by Lewis and this made the case particularly difficult according to Advocate Andre Canary because the accused (Jansen) that was strongly linked via objective evidence, was dead.

The trial started on 23 August 2016. Allies, was convicted on all the charges and sentenced as follows: life imprisonment for murder; 10 years imprisonment on two counts of attempted murder; 5 years imprisonment on unlawful possession of firearm and 5 years for unlawful possession of ammunition. His sentences are to run concurrently with the life sentence.

Advocate Canary also mentioned that cases involving gangsters are always difficult because it is not easy to get the witnesses to testify in court because they are intimidated and sometimes eliminated to prevent them from implicating the gangsters. He said that he was happy with the outcome of the case and also thanked his investigating officer who was a great help in achieving a conviction and subsequent sentence.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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