

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: JUSTICE SERVED FOR MURDER AND ROBBERY VICTIMS**

Four men from Alexandra, Bheki Nkosi (35), Clement Thato Moseou (42), Lebogang Mndebele, and Paul Mayathela, (23) were sentenced by the Johannesburg High court on Tuesday, 27 September 2016 for murder, robbery with aggravating circumstance and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition. Accused 1 (Nkosi) was sentenced to life imprisonment, accused 2 (Moseou) to 25 years whilst accused 3 and 4 (Mndebele and Mayathela) were each sentenced to 20 years imprisonment.

State Advocate, Faghre Mohamed managed to prove the unlawful and intentional acts of all four accused beyond reasonable doubt. The key witnesses in this matter were Frederick Botha (the complainant), his domestic workers, the police and a medical practitioner. Facts contained in the indictment stated that on 11 July 2015, the four entered the residents of Botha in Kempton Park. They assaulted him with firearms, ordered him and his two domestic workers to lie on the floor. Three of them forcefully took property worth approximately R250 000 from Botha's house whilst the fourth accused waited in Botha's wife's car.

Martinus Bann, a neighbour to the Botha's, was fatally wounded when he approached the accused waiting in the car. Realising that the gunshot might have alerted surrounding communities, the accused fled on foot but two of them (accused 2 and 4) were arrested not so far from the scene by vigilant members of the Community Policing Forum. The search then begun for the other two (accused 1 and 3) who were found by the members of the Ekurhuleni Metro Police Department. Bann later succumbed to his injuries and died in hospital. Evidence led by the Forensic Pathologist in Germiston stated that the cause of death was established to be a gunshot wound to the abdomen.

Praying for a just and proper sentence Advocate Mohamed raised the prevalence of violent crimes, the protection of citizens from ruthless criminals and the need to impose harsher sentences as a deterrent measure.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and is humbled by the support of all witnesses in ensuring that justice prevails.

Kind Regards,

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