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RE: 25 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR FEMICIDE

The Pietermaritzburg High Court sentenced Jabulani Cyril Sithole last week to an effective 25 years imprisonment for the August 2017 murder of his fiancé Nompumelelo Cynthia Ngubane.

Even though the couple shared a strained relationship, the accused went along with plans for their marriage. Shortly before their wedding, the accused decided to kill Ngubane and made plans accordingly. He enlisted the services of two men, Kwanele Shoba and Sifiso Mkhize, whom he offered an amount of R2000.

On the day of the murder, the accused introduced Ngubane to his co-accused on the pretense that they were selling an air conditioner. The accused drove Ngubane and the two assailants in his vehicle to the Campsdrift area. The accused alighted the vehicle while the men strangled Ngubane. The accused then got back into the vehicle and drove, dropping his co-accused along the way. Thereafter, he drove to the KwaPata area where he abandoned his vehicle with Ngubane's body in it.

The accused was given an effective 25 years imprisonment and his co-accused were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in May this year. Senior State Advocate, Dheelan Naidoo successfully prosecuted this matter.

The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Advocate Zungu advises, "The NPA will not tolerate these acts of femicide. Women are being killed by their husbands, partners and significant others, it has to stop".

Kind Regards,

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