

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: 36 YEARS FOR DOUBLE MURDER**

The Pongola Regional Court sentenced Mlungisi Mamba (22) to an effective 36 years imprisonment for the attempted murder and two murders that he committed in the Ebasuthwini area in September 2020.

On the evening of the incident, Mamba had an altercation with his neighbour Bonginkosi Hlatshwayo (22). Later that night, Mamba armed himself with a spear and stormed Hlatshwayo's house. He stabbed Hlatshwayo several times but Hlatshwayo managed to escape. Mamba then attacked Hlatshwayo's mother, Ntombifuthi Phakathi (63) and younger sister, Nkosingiphile Hlatshwayo (19).

Both women succumbed to their injuries and passed on. Mamba fled the scene and was arrested some time later.

In aggravation of sentence, Regional Court Prosecutor, Nomusa Precious Nkosi told the court that Mamba was ruthless in his actions, he had gone to the house in search of Hlatshwayo and should not have attacked the other family members. Also, he attacked them in the sanctity of their home, where they are meant to feel safe.

The court sentenced Mamba to 15 years imprisonment for each count of murder and 6 years imprisonment for attempted murder. The sentences will run consecutively, thus resulting in 36 years imprisonment.

The NPA in KwaZulu-Natal welcomes the successful prosecution.

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