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RE: 38 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR MULTIPLE ROBBERIES

Last week, the Durban Regional Court sentenced Thamsanqa Dladla to an effective 38 years imprisonment for the various robberies he committed in the Malukazi area near Isipingo.

In the first instance, the accused robbed a person known to him of their cellphone. He held the complainant in a chokehold while his accomplice grabbed the phone and ran off.

In the second incident, the accused and his accomplices hired an Uber taxi. They directed the driver to the complainant's house. Here, armed with a firearm, they stole the complainant's cellphone, wallet and TV set. They ordered the taxi driver to drive to the Durban CBD where they sold the TV.

The complainant in count 3 was a Taxify driver. The accused hired the taxi to go to various places. Eventually, the accused produced a firearm causing the driver to flee the vehicle. The accused drove off in the vehicle with the complainant's cellphone and wallet.

In court, Regional Court Prosecutor Surekha Marimuthu led the testimonies of several witnesses. The accused was also positively identified in a formal ID parade.

The accused was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment for robbery and 30 years imprisonment for the 2 counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances (15 years each). The court ordered that the sentences run consecutively, resulting in the effective 38 years imprisonment.

Kind Regards,

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