

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: 45 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR CASH IN TRANSIT ROBBER**

This week, the Pietermaritzburg High Court sentenced Michael Siphosihle Nkosinathi Hlatshwayo (43) to an effective 45 years imprisonment after his conviction for several offences including murder, attempted murder, attempted robbery and the unlawful possession of a prohibited firearm and ammunition.

The charges relate to a cash-in-transit robbery in November 2017. Prior to this, the accused and his assailants planned to rob a vehicle transporting money to various areas. They armed themselves accordingly and on the day of the offence, went to the Dalton area in Eshowe to execute the robbery. They identified the vehicle and drove it off the road, using their vehicle.

South African Police Service (SAPS) members who received a tip-off about the robbery attended the scene and a shoot-out ensued between them and the assailants. This resulted in three fatalities. The accused sustained gunshot wounds to his hip and was taken to hospital.

Senior State Advocate Sipho Magwaza led the evidence of the police who linked the accused to the crime.

The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN Adv. Elaine Zungu commends the great work and collaboration between the prosecution and police to secure a conviction and ensuring that justice is served.

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN**

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