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RE: 58 IMPRISONMENT YEARS FOR HIJACKER

Teddy Dlamini (23) was sentenced to an effective 58 years imprisonment in the Durban Regional Court last week after being convicted of robbery with aggravating circumstances, attempted murder, unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition, kidnapping and escaping from custody.

During the period of February to August 2016, the accused and his co-conspirators preyed on the communities of Havenside and Mobeni Heights in Chatsworth. They targeted elderly people and hijacked them for their cars. The victims were also assaulted during the attack. The oldest complainant, a 74 year-old man, was kidnapped and taken with his car to the Lamontville Township. In this instance, the accused was apprehended but managed to escape from police custody.

He was re-arrested in August 2016 when he committed another hijacking.

In aggravation of sentence, Regional Court Prosecutor Kuveshni Pillay handed in a victim impact statement compiled by the complainants wherein they described the trauma they experienced as a result of the attacks. Pillay also led the testimonies of twenty-seven witnesses and expert fingerprint evidence.

The accused was sentenced to: 15 years imprisonment for robbery with aggravating circumstances (3 counts taken as one for sentencing), 5 years imprisonment for kidnapping, 15 years imprisonment for robbery with aggravating circumstances, 5 years imprisonment for kidnapping and assault (taken as one for sentencing), 5 years imprisonment for attempted murder (when he fired shots at the police), 3 years imprisonment for escaping from custody and 10 years imprisonment for unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition. This results in an effective 58 years imprisonment that the accused will serve.

Hearing about the sentence, the Director of Public Prosecutions in KZN Advocate Moipone Noko said, "I trust that a sentence of this nature will assist in combatting the scourge of trio crimes."

Kind Regards,

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