

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: ADVOCATE ZULU'S FAMILY GETS JUSTICE**

One of the man responsible for the death of Advocate Mandla Zulu was sentenced to life coupled with 33 years imprisonment by the Johannesburg High Court today, 21 September 2018.

Acting Judge Du Plessis sentenced Wanda Masilela to life imprisonment for the charge of murder, 5 years for each of the two counts of kidnapping, 15 years for robbery, 6 years for possession of an unlicensed firearm and 2 years imprisonment for illegal possession of ammunition.

The late Adv Mandla Zulu and his wife were accosted by Masilela and his accomplice who are still at large, at a stop street in Bryanston. The robbers shot Adv Zulu and thereafter drove around with him and his wife in their hijacked Range Rover before dropping them off at the driveway of an unknown residence. An ambulance was called but, unfortunately, Adv Zulu succumbed to the gun- shot wound on arrival at the hospital.

The deceased and his wife were robbed of the Range Rover motor vehicle, cell phone and a watch. The accused took the deceased's Range Rover and parked it at his former girlfriend's residential complex. When he brought the motor vehicle to the said complex he was seen by the security officers at the complex. He also used his own cell phone to open the gate there. The said cell phone number was registered on the complex access control system and it could be linked to the girlfriend. The Range Rover was traced to the complex by the Netstar tracking company. Upon enquiries by the investigating officer Constable Lebea, the motor vehicle was linked to the accused's former girlfriend. The accused was arrested as a result of the assistance from the former girlfriend who linked him to the said cell phone number. Had it not been for the cell phone number, he would not have been linked to the case at all.

Justice in our society, so that people can live in freedom and security

Subsequent to that, the accused was pointed out at the identity parade by the deceased's wife. This was after an application was made by Senior State Advocate Jacob Serepo to the court to compel him to attend the identity parade. The accused's cell phone number was found to have been used around the murder scene on the day in question. Advocate Jacob Serepo led the evidence of the deceased's wife, the officials from tracker, official from MTN, Click On Security company and police officials to prove his case.

The deceased, advocate Mandla Zulu was a member of the Johannesburg Bar and an acting judge in the Gauteng Local Division High Court. "His untimely demise was a great loss to the legal fraternity and we hope his family finds solace in the sentence imposed" said the Director of Public Prosecutions in the Gauteng Local Division, Adv Andrew Chauke.

Kind Regards,

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