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RE: ANOTHER GANG PROSECUTION LEADS TO LIFE SENTENCE

The Port Elizabeth Regional Court sentenced David Carelse, an Upstand Dogs gang member from the Northern Areas to life imprisonment last week. The court papers revealed that on 01 April 2016 the accused entered the house at Zimdahl and fired several shots killing Shannon Vacencie. He also fired shots at Remario Campher.

It is revealed that the deceased and the witnesses all belonged to the Dustlives gang. According to court papers, there were at least four occupants in the room at the time that the accused started shooting.

He was arrested soon after the shooting and was charged with murder, attempted murder, unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition. He was successfully convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for murder; 5 years imprisonment for attempted murder; 15 years imprisonment for unlawful possession of firearm and 5 years imprisonment for unlawful possession of ammunition.

The court ordered that all the sentences should run concurrently with the life sentence. It is also important to note that this life sentence is the 15th life sentence that the 'Gang Task Team' has achieved for the financial year 2017/2018. The DPP, Advocate Mahlati (SC) commended Advocate Ahmed Rafick and investigating officer, Warrant Officer Gouws for their dedication and efforts.

Kind Regards,

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