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**RE: ANOTHER GANGSTER SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT
PLUS 15 YEARS**

On 18 March 2016, the 'Spotbouer Gang' gangster and an affiliate, walked up to the deceased and fired several shots at him. It is alleged that when the deceased fell to the ground the gangster fired more shots. Constable Naicker and Constable Nobatana who happened to be patrolling in the street nearby heard gunshots being fired. They quickly proceeded in the direction of the gunshots and came upon the accused running in the street with a firearm in his hand.

The accused was arrested and the firearm recovered. The trial started on 02 May 2017 at the Port Elizabeth High Court. The accused was convicted on charges of murder; unlawful possession of firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition. On 9 May 2017, he was sentenced to life imprisonment on the charge of murder; 15 years imprisonment for unlawful possession of firearm and 18 months imprisonment for unlawful possession of ammunition.

Advocate Gert Baartman represented the state and stated his satisfaction with the sentence and went on to say that, "this sentence will serve as a deterrent to those involved in criminal activities in that area. We hope that it will return people's confidence in the criminal justice system".

The NPA welcomes the sentence and commends Advocate Baartman and Constable Joni of the Gang Task Team for their hard work.

Kind Regards,

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