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RE : BODY PARTS MAN FOUND GUILTY ON 36 CHARGES

A 64 year-old Danish national who was arrested in September 2015 after the police raided his house and found several genitalia of women in his freezer was yesterday found guilty on 36 charges by the Free State High court.

Peter Frederiksen was found guilty of 36 charges that include rape, fraud, contravention of Firearms Control Act and the conveyancing and possession of unregistered medicine after he was found with several bottles of Xylocain, a local anaesthetic, in an injectable form, which is not available in South Africa.

He was also found guilty on several counts of manufacturing, distribution and possession of child pornography as well as contravening the Immigrations Act for making false representation to remain in the Republic of South Africa in his application to obtain temporary residence permit.

He was found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder after he conspired with Motlatsi Moqeti and others to kill his wife, Matshediso Molise in Lesotho. Frederiksen and Moqeti agreed that the latter would arrange the killing of Molise who was supposed to be the state key witness for R120 000.

Moqeti who turned state witness, was at that stage in custody for a separate matter. Molise was shot four times next to the gate of her house on October 20, 2015 and died the following day. Moqeti admitted in court that he was instrumental in the killing of Molise. Frederiksen was also convicted of fraud and loss or dispossession of firearms after it was revealed that he did not disclose that he had a relevant previous conviction in Denmark and that firearms in his possession were confiscated when he applied for competency certificates in terms of the Firearm Control Act.

In 2007, he again applied for a dealership licence to trade firearms and ammunition. Even in this application, he misrepresented the facts as he did not disclose his previous convictions relating to firearms in Denmark. From 2008 until 2015, he applied every year for the renewal of his dealership licence without disclosing all his previous convictions.

The SAPS Firearm Unit inspected his Impala arms shop in Bloemfontein after his arrest in 2015 and Frederiksen could not give account of 949 firearms. The loss of firearms was not reported to the police. There was also a number of firearms that were physically in the shop but there were no documents or licences for them and he was therefore illegally in possession of those firearms.

Frederiksen was facing 58 charges at the start of the trial, but Judge Johan Daffue dropped 20 charges relating to the removal of human tissue in an unauthorised place saying the country's National Health Act does not indicate the nature of penalties one may face for the transgressions. He was acquitted on two counts of rape.

The case will continue today with arguments in mitigation and aggravation of sentence.

Kind Regards,

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