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RE: BODY PARTS MAN SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS

A former gun shop owner who was arrested in 2015 after the police raided his house and found 21 pieces of women genitalia stored in a freezer was today sentenced to an effective life imprisonment after he was found guilty of a string of charges that include rape, assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, possession and production of child pornography, contravention of Firearms Control Act and influencing a state witness.

Peter Frederiksen was also sentenced for conspiracy to murder after his wife was killed in Lesotho by the Free State High court. The court heard that Frederiksen, whilst in prison, conspired to have his wife killed. His wife, who was to be a state key witness, was shot four times in her home town of Maseru, Lesotho in October 2015, a few weeks after Frederiksen was arrested.

Frederiksen, 65 was facing 58 charges at the start of the trial but judge Johann Daffue dropped 20 charges for illegally removing human tissues over a technicality, stating that the National Health Act does not clearly indicate the nature of penalties that should be imposed to any person who contravenes the act.

Frederiksen, who is originally from Denmark, was also sentenced to 8 year for conveyance and possession of unregistered medication after he was found in possession of xylocain, an anaesthetic that is not registered in South Africa.

The State Prosecutor, Advocate Amanda Bester, argued that the court should sentence the accused to life imprisonment for conspiring to murder his wife because even though he did not kill her, he orchestrated his death. She also requested the court to impose heavy sentences on the other counts because the accused has shown that he has no respect for the law.

"The accused is a fugitive from law because he came to South Africa running away from a sentence that was imposed to him by a Danish court for firearm related offences. He came to South Africa using fraudulent documents. He is a danger to society because he conspired to have his wife killed while he was in prison," said Bester.

Judge Daffue concurred with the state prosecutor that, imposition of a lesser sentence would be a failure by the court to protect the society. He sentenced Frederiksen to life imprisonment for rape, life imprisonment for conspiracy to murder, 15 years for loss or dispossession of firearms, 8 years for conveyance and possession of unregistered medication and another 8 years for possession and production of child pornography. Frederiksen could not account for 954 firearms.

The judge further sentenced Frederiksen to sentences ranging from 12 months to 5 years for other offences that include amongst others, assault and influencing a state witness. He was also sentenced to a fine of R5000 or 6 months imprisonment for providing false information in order to remain in the Republic of South Africa.

His total sentence is two life sentences and additional 52 years, but he will effectively serve life imprisonment after the judge ordered the sentences to run concurrently. Frederiksen was also declared unfit to possess a firearm and the judge ordered that his name should be included in the National Register for Sex Offenders. Unregistered medicine will be forfeited to the state.

The NPA welcomes this sentence with the hope that it will serve as a deterrent to like-minded people.

Kind Regards,

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