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RE: BOYFRIEND SENTENCED TO 32 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

Molahlegi Frans Mmako (34) was sentenced to 32 years imprisonment in the Limpopo High Court yesterday. This relates to the 2014 murder of his girlfriend, Ngokoana Laceth Madiboma and assault of Cyril Mogashe at Moletjie Mmakgodu in the district of Seshego.

During the evening of 01 January 2014, the accused and the deceased had an altercation over an undisclosed sum of money. The accused then poured cold water over her and used dustbin to hit her.

Around midnight the accused strangled and suffocated the deceased. He later proceeded to the deceased daughter's bedroom and assaulted her boyfriend with an axe. The accused then fled from the scene.

The accused pleaded not guilty on both counts and raised an Alibi. State Advocate Calvin Chauke led the evidence by calling witnesses who testified how the accused committed the murder and the assault. The accused testified and denied the charges. He also called a witness to disprove the charges against him. The court rejected his alibi defence and found him guilty as charged.

During sentence Advocate Chauke argued that the accused is linked to the murder charge by circumstantial evidence as there was no direct evidence linking him. The accused was not remorseful, he planned the crimes and has several previous convictions of assault, he added.

The court sentenced him to an effective term of 32 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and the Director of Public Prosecutions in Limpopo, Advocate Ivy Thenga said, "It's unfortunate that an innocent life was lost due to people who do not respect life."

Kind Regards,

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