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RE: DOUBLE LIFE PLUS EIGHT YEARS FOR RAPIST

Menzi Dlamini was sentenced to two terms of life and an additional eight years imprisonment in the Estcourt Regional Court last week after being convicted of housebreaking with intent to rape, rape and murder he committed in September 2014 in the rural area of Ntabamhlophe, outside Estcourt.

The accused first broke into the home of a woman who later became a witness in this matter. He tried to rape her but she fought him off and he ran away. She saw him running in the direction of her neighbor's house. The next morning, her neighbor was found dead with her house ransacked. DNA analysis found the accused's blood on the deceased's nightdress.

During the trial, Regional Court Prosecutor Samukelisiwe Mosia led this evidence as well as the witness testimony. Upon arrest, the accused had scratch marks on his face, which were consistent with defensive wounds from the deceased.

The accused was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment for murder and for rape; and eight years imprisonment for house breaking.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Adv. Elaine Zungu said, "This matter demonstrates the vital role of forensic evidence in assisting with a successful prosecution in cases where forensic evidence is obtained from a crime scene. We trust that the facts of the case also encourage witnesses to come forward and provide information and testimony in court to enable a positive investigation and a positive outcome in court. The sentence imposed is welcomed and it is hoped it will serve as a deterrent against would be offenders. The prosecution and investigative team are applauded for their good work.

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