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RE: DUSTLIFE GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO AN EFFECTIVE 22 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

The Port Elizabeth High Court sentenced Jonathan Zeeland who was an affiliate of the New Kids Gang and later a Dustlife Gang member to an effective 22 years imprisonment. He was charged with murder, attempted murder, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition. The accused pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The court papers reveal that on 5 June 2016 the accused was in the company of his girlfriend Natasha Prince and his friend Faik. He then assaulted Natasha with clenched fists and booted feet and forced her to accompany him. He walked down Reginald Street armed with a fully loaded gun.

He spotted Anthony Arries walking behind Angers Jordaan, the deceased. He fired several shots at Arries and Jordaan. Jordaan was struck by the bullet in the head and Anthony fled unharmed.

Natasha Prince was then placed on the Witness Protection Program and then signed off the program after sometime. Closer to trial she disappeared and could not be found. On 08 February 2018, the accused was convicted of murder, unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition and sentenced to an effective 22 years imprisonment. Advocate Canary, from the Gang Task Team, and Warrant Officer Gouws are applauded for their efforts in securing this conviction.

Since the inception of the Gang Task Team, gangsters in the Northern Areas in Port Elizabeth have received 1152 years in effective prison sentences and 15 life sentences. The team leader of the task team, Deputy Director of Public Prosecution, Advocate Indra

Goberdan based in PE said she is incredibly proud of the efforts and dedication of a small team of five advocates.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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