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RE: FIVE LIFE TERMS AND 109 YEARS FOR PROFESSIONAL HITMAN AND HIS THREE CO- ACCUSED

The Pretoria High Court sentenced three men and one woman from Eersterust five life terms and to a collective 109 years imprisonment for murder and other serious offences.

Mark Billy Booysen (29), Smiles (37), Angelique Badawy (38) and her husband Mastafa Badawy (29) were convicted of murder of Ulrich Henemen Heugh. They were also found guilty of kidnapping, assault with intent to do grievous body harm, unlawful possession of firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, pointing of firearm, and house breaking with intent to commit robbery.

Booyesen, was further found guilty of the murder of Dean Denzil Jafta, as well as robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawful possession of firearm, and unlawful possession of ammunition.

Heugh was previously married to Angelique and had squabbles about child support for the children who stay with his ex-wife. Before he was killed, the Badawys approached Dustin Van Wyk to kill Heugh and offered him R10 000. Van Wyk initially agreed and accepted part of the payment but he later withdrew.

The Badawys then hired Booysen who then asked Smiles to assist him. On the evening of 25 September 2017 while Heugh was at his home, Booysen and Smiles came and knocked at the door. They fired at him as he was opening and he died on the scene.

In another incident in May 2017, Jafta, was robbed of his VW Polo vehicle and killed by Booysen. This was discovered after his family reported him missing and his body was identified in 2019 after it was buried by the state as a pauper.

Judge Bam said crime in our country was very rife, people were killed daily even at the comfort of their homes, as was the case with Heugh. He added that there was no safe haven anymore and said Booysen was a career criminal and assassin. He said he and his co accused deserved to be removed from society permanently.

The prosecutor, Advocate Dorah Ngobeni, said the sentence imposed was an indication that violent crimes should not be tolerated and commended the police for their sterling investigation in solving the crimes by means of cell phone records.

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