

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: FOUR IN COURT FOR THE MURDER OF WIFE AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW  
OF FORMER PROVINCIAL POLICE COMMISSIONER**

The bail application of Nomvula Issabella Zodwa (57), Lwando Elvis Lengisi (32), Ayabulela Mahokoto (27) and Thamsanqa Hlamandana (32) commenced today at the Peddie Magistrate's Court. The four are accused of murdering Boniswa Alinah Toba (74) and Cingiswa Caroline Mila (41). The deceased are the wife and daughter-in-law of former Eastern Cape police Provincial Commissioner, Wilson Toba. The accused have been charged with two counts of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

State Prosecutor, Advocate Mzukisi Mapuma opposed the application for admission to bail in respect of all the accused. "This is a Schedule 6 application where the state contends that the murders were planned, were committed by a group of people in pursuit of a common purpose and the robberies were aggravated in that there was infliction of grievous bodily injuries on the victims," he said. Advocate Mapuma added that the state was of the view that there were no circumstances that can be tabled before court which could be viewed as exceptional enough that, in the interest of justice, could justify the release of the applicants on bail. The court rolled over the bail application to Wednesday, 27 May 2020.

Zodwa, a former police Captain, was allegedly romantically involved with Mila's 55 year-old husband when she sought the services of Hlamandana. It is alleged that she approached Hlamandana, a sangoma from Port Elizabeth, and requested that he bewitch Mila. The latter instead allegedly advised her to hire two men to kill Mila.

On Sunday, 12 April 2020 Lengisi and another suspect who is still at large, allegedly entered the Toba homestead at Celetyuma village in Peddie, tied up Toba and Mila and stabbed them to death. It is further alleged that the two robbed the homestead of

cellphones and an undisclosed amount of money. Mahokoto on that day allegedly drove the two men from Port Elizabeth to Peddie and back.

The SAPS Provincial Organised Crime unit arrested all four accused in Port Elizabeth, between 25 and 26 April 2020.

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