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RE: FULL MIGHT OF THE LAW DESCENDS UPON SOWETO'S 'ONE-MAN'

The man dubbed "One Man" for single-handedly terrorising Soweto communities was sentenced to four life sentences plus 240 years in jail by the Johannesburg High Court.

Innocent Lungisane Mdlolo (35) became famous for evading justice, after he escaped from the Palmridge Magistrate's Court on 2 December 2014, the day he was supposed to be sentenced by the late Judge George Maluleke. "One Man" had been on the run since 2015, and was recaptured in Nigel, Ekurhuleni in December last year and consequent thereto, the matter was set down before Judge Ratha Mokgoatlheng to deliver the judgement as written by Judge Maluleke before his death.

Mdlolo was of the view that the death of Judge Maluleke would render his case re-trialled before another Judge. Judge Mokgoatlheng explained that proceedings will be finalised as prescribed by Section 275 of the Criminal Procedure Act 51 Of 1977, which states that; any judicial officer of the court may, in the absence of the judicial officer who convicted the accused or passed the sentence, pass sentence on the accused or take such steps as the judicial officer who is absent.

Mdlolo was convicted on three counts of rape, one of murder, ten counts of house breaking with intent to rob, five counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. In the interim of his reign of terror, the accused would accost victims in their motor vehicles, break and enter their homes, point a firearm at them and demand money, cellphones and laptops. He raped his victims on three occasions and on one occasion he shot and killed Sinethemba Kakaza, who arrived at his home to find Mdlolo in the act of raping his sister.

In his judgement, the late Judge Maluleke considered amongst others, the impact of the crimes on victims, stating that one of the complainants was now disabled as a result of

stress and had left her work as a teacher. Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Elaine Moonsamy maintained that Mdlolo should receive multiple life sentences for the terror he had unleashed.

The NPA continues to denounce such acts of brutality and remains grateful that the sterling work of late Judge Maluleke continues to live on.

Kind Regards,

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