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RE: GANGSTER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR MURDER

On Thursday, a member of a notorious Born To Kill (BTK) gang was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment after he was convicted for killing a member of a rival gang in October 2016. Magistrate Sepato sentenced Pheko Vundi Pato (31) to 20 years for killing 21 year-old Mokone Ntoi who was a member of the Baroma gang by the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court.

The court heard that on 7 October 2016, the deceased went to a nearby shop to buy some items. He was followed by the accused who was with other members of the BTK. The accused shot the deceased once in the abdomen as he exited the shop.

He fled the scene together with his fellow gang members. The deceased was taken to hospital and he unfortunately died two days later. The accused was arrested on 11 October 2016 after the deceased, on his death bed, had indicated that he is the one who shot him.

During investigations, Pato refused to divulge the identities of his fellow gang members who were with him and the State Prosecutor, Lloyds Davids decided to arraign Mvumbi alone for the murder of Ntoi.

In court, Davids described Pato as a gangster who does not have respect for law because the only reason he killed Ntoi was because he belonged to the rival gang.

"The accused behaved liked a heartless murderer who took a life of another being just because he was a member of a rival gang. His barbaric and callous act should be punished with a hefty sentence", said Davids.

Magistrate Sepato concurred with the prosecutor and sentenced Pato to life imprisonment.

Kind Regards,

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