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RE: GANGSTER SENTENCED TO 47 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR VARIOUS CRIMES

On 20 October 2017, the Port Elizabeth Regional Court sentenced Ricardo September, a known gangster affiliated to the New Kids gang to 47 years imprisonment for his crimes. He was charged with 6 counts of attempted murder, 2 counts of unlawful possession of firearm; 2 counts of unlawful possession of ammunition; malicious damage to property and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

On 09 December 2015, the victim, Quintin Krige was sitting with his friends in Deverall Road when the accused walked up to him, took out a firearm and started shooting at Krige and his friends. Krige was shot in the arm and his friends escaped without injuries. On 10 April 2016, Constable Jansen and Sergeant Killian were patrolling in Leith Street when a member of the public pointed to the accused and indicated that the accused had a firearm in his possession.

When Constable Jansen tried to apprehend the accused, he took out a firearm, shot Constable Jansen in the shoulder, and fired more shots at his partner Sgt Killian. Several shots were fired which missed Sgt Killian but damaged the police vehicle. On 25 November 2015, the accused also stabbed Marvin Samuel in the chest with a knife. The accused pleaded not guilty in the regional court on 18 April 2017. Several witnesses were led and the accused was convicted on 20 October 2017 and sentenced to 47 years imprisonment. Some of the sentences were ordered to run concurrently with the accused serving an effective 23 years imprisonment.

State Prosecutor, Advocate Ahmed and the investigating officer Constable Peta from the gang task team should be commended for the effort and hard work put in to secure this conviction. As the NPA, we believe this kind of a sentence will serve as a deterrent and restore confidence in the criminal justice system.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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