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RE: GANGSTERS SENTENCED FOR THEIR CRIMES

On 16 August 2018, the Port Elizabeth High Court gallery was fully packed for the sentencing of Shaan Horne (24) from Galvendale and Shane Arends (26) also from Galvendale in Port Elizabeth. They were facing charges of theft of a motor vehicle, murder, unlawful possession of a firearm and lawful possession of ammunition and murder.

It is revealed in court papers that on 23 July 2016 the two accused intentionally and unlawfully stole a motor vehicle, a Gold Volkswagen Polo which belonged to Peter Buys. They went on to shoot and killed Renaldo Lerato Afrika with a .38 Special Calibre Colt Revolver. It was later established that this was an unlicensed firearm. Then pair were then arrested and charged in the Port Elizabeth High Court.

The evidence presented in court established that the area where the shooting occurred was controlled by the Dustlife gang and territorially a "no go zone" for rival gang members. Given the enmity between them and their adversaries, the Upstand Dogs of which the deceased belonged were seen as intruders in another gang's turf.

Judge Daylin Chetty handing down the sentence said the unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition are serious offences directly linked to horrendous statistics. He sentenced them as follows: accused 1: count 2; 15 years imprisonment, count 3; 5 years, count 4; 1 year imprisonment and it is ordered that the sentences on count 3 and 4 run concurrently with that imposed in count 1.

Accused 2 was sentenced as follows: Count 3; 5 years imprisonment, count 4; 1 year imprisonment and it was also ordered that the sentence on count 4 run concurrently with that imposed on count 3. Effectively, 15 years imprisonment for accused number 1 and 5 years imprisonment for accused number 2.

Advocate Sandan said after the sentence that he wished for a harsher sentence but was pleased that the fight against gangsterism and violence in the Northern Areas of Port Elizabeth was continuing. He said he would work harder to ensure that the fight against crime is intensified.

Kind Regards,

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