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RE: GRANDSON SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER

The Limpopo High Court sentenced Kedishi William Lebogo (35) yesterday to life imprisonment for the murder of his grandmother, Rosina Maphuthuti Lebogo (97).

The court heard that on 21 August 2015 at Ga Mashashane in Polokwane, the accused saw the deceased heading to the nearby bush to collect firewood with her five-year old granddaughter. He followed them whilst armed with a panga. He then hit the deceased with a brick and chopped her with a panga several times before she fell down and died at the scene. She sustained injuries on the head, shoulder, spine and ribs.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge. In his plea, he mentioned that he was angry that the deceased was bewitching his family by performing her rituals next to their gate. He said she was also the cause of her mother's death. The court rejected his version and found him guilty.

In aggravation of sentence, the State Prosecutor, Advocate Nozizwe Molepo submitted that the murder was premeditated and was made worse by the fact that it was a gruesome attack on a vulnerable elderly person who was defenceless.

The court found that there were no substantial and compelling circumstances to deviate from the prescribed minimum sentence of life imprisonment. The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Ivy Thenga welcomed the sentence and had this to say, "I hope that it will send a strong message to the society and that violence against women and children will not be tolerated".

Kind Regards,

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