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#### RE: HARSH SENTENCES IMPOSED ON TWO GANG RELATED CASES

The Port Elizabeth High Court convicted and sentenced Jacque Moses and his co-accused Chadey Reith to 10 years imprisonment last week. It is revealed in court papers that the two were affiliated to Upstand Dogs Gang that is operating in the Northern areas of Port Elizabeth. On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, both accused were found in possession of a 12 Gauge Musgrave shotgun and a 9mm parabellum semi-automatic pistol as well as 11 rounds 9mm calibre cartridges and 3 rounds of 12 Gauge shotgun cartridges. These weapons were used to kill innocent people in the process of fighting their turf wars and the court sentenced them accordingly.

In another case which also emanates from the Northern areas, the one accused, Denzil Hall approached Benjamin Meyer in August 2016 and demanded money from him and he indicated that he had none. The accused left and then returned whereupon he fired five shots at him hitting his arm, chest and stomach. The accused was convicted on 10 July 2017 on charges of attempted murder, possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition and was sentenced as follows: On count 1 he was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, count 2 and 3 5 years imprisonment and count 2 and 3 to run concurrently with one.

Gang cases are some of the most complicated and time consuming cases to prosecute but the state is doing all it can to ensure that successful prosecutions for justice occur. Both these cases were dealt with by Advocate Landman based at the DDPP PE office and he is attached to the Gang Task Team. The DPP applauded the advocate and his team for a job well done.

Kind Regards,

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