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RE: HEAVY SENTENCES FOR THE MURDER OF A 12 YEAR-OLD GIRL

On 26 July 2018, the Port Elizabeth High Court was full to capacity with family members, friends, the media and members of the public during the sentencing of two killers of an innocent young girl from the Northern areas of Port Elizabeth. The two men who were convicted of the brutal murder of Aaliyah "Angel" Tee were sentenced to 89 years each but will effectively serve 30 years in prison as some of the sentences will run concurrently.

The court found that Nealon Redhouse (18) and Deon "Kwas" Harmse (24) showed no remorse during the trial. They were both convicted of murder, attempted murder, impersonating a police officer and house robbery with intent to murder for the 2016 attack on Aaliyah and her parents. Redhouse was also convicted of unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition.

The state argued strongly for a harsher sentence for these men because of the manner in which they carried out their brutal attack. Advocate Mogoemat Sandan represented the state. He spoke a lot about the choices that people make regardless of the environment in which they come from. Judge Mandela Makaula commended the hard work of the NPA, SAPS, Social Workers and witnesses that were called in to testify. He believed that without the team's inputs it would have been difficult to come up with an appropriate sentence.

The judge revealed that the attack on the Tee family were a direct result of Candice and Edmund Tee witnessing the murder of a known gang leader Donovan "Staal" Berry a month earlier outside their home. Aaliyah was shot execution style while she and her mother cowered in the bathroom. Edmund Tee sustained three gunshot wounds which left him paralysed.

The whole courtroom sighed with relief when the sentences were handed down and the family and friends could not hide their joy. They stood together hugging expressing their gratitude, as they believed justice has been done. Advocate Sandan based at the DDPP PE office and his team are commended for the job well done. The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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