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RE: TONGAAT MAN GETS LIFE FOR MURDER

The Durban High Court sentenced Loganathan Naicker (39) to life imprisonment on Wednesday, 08 July 2015 for the 2008 murder of his partner, Jennifer Pillay.

The pair were in a relationship and had been living together. In May 2008 the accused decided that he wanted the deceased killed and approached two men to kill her with the promise of a financial reward.

The men, Sandile Ncube and Mbongeni Mbatha confronted Pillay at her house and drove off with her in her car to a sugar cane field where they shot her dead. They later abandoned her vehicle.

Ncube turned state witness and Mbatha has subsequently died.

In aggravation of sentence senior state advocate Noxolo Dube led the evidence of the father of the deceased, Krishna Pillay. He told the court that his health as well as the health of his wife had significantly deteriorated after the death of their daughter. Advocate Dube argued for a life sentence and the court ruled accordingly.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomes this successful prosecution.

Kind Regards,

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