

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: KATLEHONG MAN GETS LIFE PLUS 40 YEARS BEHIND BARS FOR MURDER**

On Tuesday, 26 August 2019, Judge Ratha Mokgoahleng sentenced Kabelo Shiloane to life imprisonment with an additional 40 years for murdering Constandinos Karvounairis while trying to rob him of R3.5 million in Johannesburg in August 2015.

The 32 year-old was incarcerated by the police on the day of committing the crimes and was charged with 2 counts of robbery, murder, unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition. In 2016, he was released on bail pending the finalisation of his trial. He however absconded and was rearrested in December 2017. He did not testify in mitigation of his sentence.

According to the evidence presented before the court, on 6 August, on the aforementioned year in Johannesburg, Shiloane and two other assailants forcefully took Daniel Theunissen's motor vehicle, cell phone, and other properties. The following day, he intentionally robbed Karvouniaris of money amounting to R3.5 million in cash, his firearm and ultimately shot him to death.

Shiloane's legal representation argued in mitigation of his sentence and told the court that it should consider the fact that he has no previous conviction and he is also relatively young, therefore he has reasonable prospects of rehabilitation.

In aggravation, Advocate Steven Rubin called the sister of Karvouniaris to testify in court that her 29 year old brother had a new born baby at the time of the incident. She also explained how negatively the death had on his brother's wife. Adv Rubin then prayed for life imprisonment arguing that the accused premeditated the murder and was not remorseful for his gruesome deeds.

Judge Mokgoahleng acceded to the state's request. The Judge further dismissed the accused's leave to appeal based on the ground that no other court would come to a different conclusion.

Kind Regards,

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