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RE: J.C. LE ROUX APPEAL DISMISSED

The Pretoria High Court dismissed an appeal by Johannes Christiaan Le Roux and seven others. The High Court upheld the conviction and sentence of the accused where they were found guilty of public violence by the trial court (Brits Regional Court). They were sentenced to six years imprisonment, with two year period and three year period of suspension imposed based on the roles they played.

The incident took place in June 1996 where Le Roux and his gang caused havoc at *Tan' Malies Winkel* situated on the western side of the Hartebeespoort dam's wall. This is an area where tourists or family units go to for picnic and other forms of entertainment including *braai* (barbecue). This gang led by a former Police Sergeant, Le Roux provoked the public by grossly mistreating an animal in the farm yard in front of the on looking women and children. They proceeded to severely assault patrons including those women and children. Once done the gang regrouped and left for the East Rand.

They had been out on bail pending the outcome of the appeal by the Pretoria High Court which heard the matter on 26 November 2007. The High Court has dismissed their appeal and they will now have to serve their time in prison.

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