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RE: LIFE AND 34 YEARS FOR GLEBELANDS KILLER

Sanele Reginald Thusi (25) was sentenced to a term of life imprisonment and 34 years in the Pietermaritzburg High Court this week for 2 murders, attempted murder and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition. One of these murders and the attempted murder was committed at the Glebelands hostel in Umlazi.

In August 2014, he shot and killed Eric Mjadu in the KwaDabeka area after an altercation about the deceased throwing a bottle that had hit the accused.

On 21 February 2017, the accused approached Nkosiphendule Mzansi as he entered the Glebelands hostel complex. The accused fired several shots at him before fleeing the scene. Mzansi was hit in both thighs and was taken to hospital for treatment.

In January 2018, after a shooting occurred at the Glebelands hostel, the accused fired a shot into the crowd that had gathered. This shot wounded Msawenkosi Msomi in the abdomen. Msomi succumbed to his wounds a few weeks later.

In court, Senior State Advocate Dorian Paver led the evidence of several witnesses including SAPS officials and eyewitnesses, one of them being the complainant, Mzansi.

The accused's sentence is as follows: 20 years imprisonment for the KwaDabeka murder, 7 years imprisonment for the unlawful possession of the firearm and ammunition, 7 years imprisonment for the attempted murder and life imprisonment for the Glebelands murder.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Advocate Moipone Noko said, "I am very pleased with this conviction and sentence. I hope that it will go a long way in addressing the violence and lawlessness at the Glebelands hostel."

Kind Regards,

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