

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE BEHIND BARS FOR TWO KILLERS OF EMMANUEL MYAMBO**

The two murderers of Emmanuel Tefo Myambu were on Thursday, 28 February 2019 sentenced to life imprisonment by the Pretoria High Court.

Eric Patrick Nhaca (24) and Costa Fudamo (35) were convicted on charges of murder and robbery with aggravating circumstances on 25 January 2017. They were each sentenced to life imprisonment on the count of murder and to 15 years imprisonment on the count of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The deceased was married to Anita Myambo, a Regional Court Magistrate at the Pretoria Magistrate's Office at the time of his death. Evidence of a friend to the Myambo family, Leontina de Almeida, Constable Baloyi, the brother of the deceased, Thagang Myambo with his employee, Manase Potse and a pathologist, Professor Ryan Blumenthal were presented by the state.

During their testimonies, the two accused made admissions to Myambo, de Almeida and Potse. The crux thereof was that, accused one, Nhaca admitted that Anita Myambo, wife to the deceased, offered him and accused two, Fundamo, money to kill the deceased.

According to evidence presented in court, the two accused claimed that Anita paid them R6000.00 for the murder. The deceased was hit with a blunt object in the presence of Anita and they further alleged that she stabbed the deceased with something looking like a pair of scissors. According to accused one, accused two was present when the assault occurred, although he did not participate.

Professor Blumenthal confirmed that the deceased was hit with a blunt object on the head. Counsel for the state, Advocate Alicia Roos argued in aggravation of sentence that

offences of murder are prevalent and pleaded with the court to impose a stringent sentence so as to deter like-minded individuals.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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