

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR INTIMATE PARTNER**

On 20 September 2017, the Port Elizabeth High Court convicted and sentenced Jan Malgas, 46 of Humansdorp to five years imprisonment on the housebreaking charge with intent to murder and life imprisonment on the murder charge. Femicide is a national priority area in the NPA, and this is an example of such a case. According to court papers, the accused who was married to the deceased but separated from her, broke into the house and stabbed the deceased 18 times in the presence of his son.

The court papers reveal that the incident happened on 30 September 2016 in Arcadia in the district of Humansdorp. At 22h00 that day, the accused arrived at the deceased house and they opened up for him. The deceased and Nolan Plaatjies, the deceased's son were watching television. After sometime, the deceased and her son indicated that they wanted to go to bed and the accused left. Nolan locked the doors and he and the deceased went to bed.

After a while, Nolan heard someone scratching in the cutlery drawer. The bedroom light was switched on and the accused was standing there with a knife in his hand. The accused asked the deceased for her identity document. She did not respond and the accused started stabbing her. Nolan tried to intervene but he was pushed aside by the accused and he ran to Everton Lippert to seek help. When Lippert arrived, he asked the accused to open the door, which he did. He came out with the deceased who also ran to Lippert's place. The accused followed the deceased, all this time stabbing her. She collapsed on the floor. The accused ran out of the house and Lippert summoned the police.

On 5 October 2016, a post mortem was performed on the body of the deceased and the cause of death was determined to be stab wounds to the back. The accused was

convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment and life imprisonment for the murder charge.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and applauds Advocate Ismat Cerfontein for her efforts in securing conviction.

Kind Regards,

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