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RE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR KILLERS

Sifiso Zondi (34) and Sibusiso Nguza (36) were each sentenced to a term of life imprisonment in the Kokstad Regional Court last week for the August 2017 murder of a man in the Lunda location in Maluti.

The deceased, Viwe Mabunzi was drinking with his brothers at a tavern on the night of the incident. At some point, the deceased told his brother that a man confronted him and accused him of having an affair with his (the man's) wife. They also noticed the two accused sitting in the tavern. Since the men looked suspicious, the deceased and his brother decided to leave. The accused confronted them in the parking lot and that is when the deceased was shot. He died on the way to the hospital.

In court, Regional Court Prosecutor Ntandazo Jaca led the testimonies of the deceased's brothers as they witnessed the murder. One of them had recognised accused 1 from a picture on Facebook. He notified the police of this, leading to the accused's arrest.

In aggravation of sentence, Jaca told the court that the deceased was killed at the prime of his life. He was a graduate who had secured employment a few months prior to his death, he said. He added that his family had recently initiated lobola negotiations on his behalf.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Adv. Moipone Noko said, "I trust that sentences of this nature will have the desired effect on like-minded offenders. Congratulations to the prosecution for the successful finalisation of the matter."

Kind Regards,

Natasha Kara

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