

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER AND ARSON**

Sibongiseni Nsimbini was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Empangeni Regional Court last week for the murder, housebreaking and arson he committed in March 2015 in the Dondotha area of KwaMthethwa.

The accused and his co-accused (his brother) were extended family members of the 55 year-old deceased. On the night of the incident, they broke into her house, dragged her outside and assaulted her with a bushknife. She died because of the wounds she sustained. They then set alight her house and other structures on her homestead. The accused fled the scene while his brother was caught and subsequently tried in court.

The accused managed to evade the law and was arrested in 2018. The Regional Court Prosecutor, Sharon Bux, led the testimonies of two family members who identified the accused. Bux also handed in a victim impact statement compiled by the son of the deceased and facilitated by the Court Preparation Officer, Seneliso Sibanda. In the statement, the man details how the incident has negatively affected their family members, including the children and grandchildren.

The court sentenced the accused to life imprisonment for murder and 5 years imprisonment for housebreaking and arson (taken as one for sentencing).

The accused will serve an effective life imprisonment.

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

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