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RE: MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MAPITI MATSENA'S MURDER

Monoko Francis Thoka (29) was found guilty by the Pretoria High Court yesterday for the murder of the Gauteng Member of Provincial Legislature and chairperson of the Safety and Security Portfolio Committee, Mapiti Matsena.

He was also found guilty of house breaking with intent to murder.

Matsena was at his Doornpoort home in Holy Hock Road when Thako broke into his bedroom door. When he gained entry, he found Matsena's wife in the bedroom while Matsena was somewhere in the house. When the wife saw Thako she started screaming; Thako told her to be quiet and covered her with a blanket.

Matsena went to the bedroom and found Thako inside. A fight then ensued and Thako began to stab Matsena. He stabbed him multiple times and he died on the spot.

Thako pleaded guilty to the charges of murder and house breaking with intent to murder.

The matter was postponed to 19 July for sentencing.

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