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RE: MAN GETS TWO LIFE TERMS FOR FATALLY POISONING TWO MINOR SONS

Yesterday, the High Court of South Africa: North Gauteng: Pretoria sentenced Dannyboy Fistos Khumalo (37) from Vaalkop in Brits, to two-life terms for the murder of his two sons.

Khumalo was also given three years for defeating the ends of justice. The court ordered the sentences to run concurrently

This follows his conviction for murdering his 11-year-old and 12-year-old sons by giving them poisoned water.

Khumalo stayed with the two children and their mother, Sinah Nthabiseng Mosiea. The couple had relationship problems.

Mosiea left the children with Khumalo in Vaalkop while she went to visit her parent's home in Krugersdorp. On 14 May 2020, she received a voice message of her children crying and a video footage of Khumalo mixing a liquid substance. He threatened Mosiea to return home otherwise he would kill the children.

On the next day, the children were found dead in bed after Khumalo reported to the police and his employer that the children took rat poison thinking it was sweets.

On 18 May 2021 while Khumalo and his father had gone to identify the body of the children accompanied by the police, he confessed to killing the children.

The police arrested him on the spot and has been in custody since.

Owing to Mosiea's inability to take the witness stand, the Court Preparation Officer, Amokelani Mashele, read out her Victim Impact Statement. Mosiea was further referred for grief counselling.

Advocate Dorah Ngobeni asked the court to impose the minimum prescribed sentence. She said it was unfortunate and very heartbreaking that innocent children became parents' surrogates.

She opposed the application for leave to appeal brought by Khumalo in court and Acting Judge, Avvokoumides dismissed the application.

The National Prosecuting Authority welcomed the sentence.

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