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**RE: MAN GOES TO JAIL FOR 25 YEARS FOR KILLING HIS GIRLFRIEND**

Elvis Mabusetsa Malebo of Hartswater has been sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for the brutal murder of his girlfriend by the High Court of South Africa sitting in Kimberley, Northern Cape,.

Malebo faced charges of murder and assault with the intention to do grievous harm (GBH). On the morning of 14 June 2020, while Botshelo Evelyn Motsumi, the deceased, was asleep in her home, Malebo entered the yard yelling her name. Motsumi was with her friend, Mosimanegape Maamongwa, in the house.

The accused entered the house and started stabbing Motsumi with a knife, and subsequently pulled out a panga and threatened Maamongwa. Motsumi managed to flee the house but Malebo followed her and continued to stab her until she apologised.

She was stabbed 34 times, and when the SAPS officials arrived at the scene, Motsumi was already dead..

The prosecutor, State Advocate Simon Matsoso, argued that Malebo acted with premeditation and deserved a minimum sentence of life imprisonment because he returned to his house which was a walking distance to get the knife and a panga. He continued to walk back to the house with the intention of killing her.

Acting Judge Mofokeng said there were circumstances that warranted that Malebo not be given the maximum sentence. The acting judge Malebo was a first-time offender and had shown that he can be rehabilitated. Further, he was supporting his family including his ailing father and that he had little time to think logically after finding his partner with another man.

The judge added that even though the maximum sentence could not be given, he should still be sentenced to prison and get an appropriate sentence that will be a deterrent to would be perpetrators of violence.

Malebo was sentenced to a year for GBH and 25 years for murder. The sentences will run concurrently.

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