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RE: MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR MAPITI MATSENA'S MURDER

The Pretoria High Court sentenced Monoko Francis Thoko (29) for the murder of the Gauteng Member of Provincial Legislature and chairperson of the Safety and Security Portfolio Committee, Mapiti Matsena to 30 years imprisonment.

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

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

Upon Matsena returning back to the room, he found Thoko and they started fighting. Thoko stabbed him multiple times and he died on the spot.

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

The State Advocate, Mari Marriot argued that the commission of the offences was planned in that he waited until 21h00 in the evening to enter into the premises of the deceased. It can be further not be argued that his guilty plea does not constitute remorse as the state had a very strong case against him.

The National Prosecuting Authority Welcomed the sentence.

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