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## RE: MAN GETS 20 YEARS DIRECT IMPRISONMENT FOR VARIOUS CRIMES

Yesterday, the Western Cape High Court sentenced Mvuzo Ndlangana to fifty seven years direct imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to five counts including murder. Ndlangana pleaded guilty to murder, attempted murder, kidnapping and two charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The court has sentenced him to 20 years direct imprisonment for the murder, 10 years direct imprisonment for the robbery with aggravating circumstances, 5 years direct imprisonment for kidnapping, 12 years direct imprisonment for kidnapping and 10 years direct imprisonment for attempted murder. The court ordered that all the sentences run concurrently meaning the accused will be imprisoned for 20 years.

Ndlangana was the co-accused of his girlfriend, Nomasango Xhego and her brother, Camagu Xhego. Camagu has also entered into a plea and sentencing agreement with the state and has been sentenced to twenty years direct imprisonment. They all faced the same charges.

Ndlangana and Camagu's crime spree started on 03 March 2015, after the two met. Ndlangana had just been released on bail. They decided to rob the Africa Truck Sales company. Ndlangana was armed with a toy gun while Camagu had a knife. When they arrived at the company around midnight, they found a security guard, Ronald Ziwenga, who was sitting next to a fire and asked him for the keys to enter the building. He didn't have the keys. Xhego suggested they rather break into the site. Ndlangana started assaulting Ziwenga. He beat him with the toy gun which had a steel handle repeatedly on the forehead and so hard that Ziwenga lost consciousness. Ziwenga later died. Ndlangana told Camagu that the deceased knew him and would reveal his identity to the police. The two then found another security guard, Kennedy Mpofu, sleeping in a truck and threatened to kill him as they did with the deceased. They demanded keys but he too didn't have them. They kicked the doors to gain entry where they found the car keys and papers. All the while, Ndlangana was adamant that he was doing this to get back at his former boss as he used to be employed at Africa Truck Sales. They took a computer, a fax machine, a bar fridge, a microwave oven, an electric kettle, radio, fan, a white Mercedes Benz Vito and a silver Cherry Tigo. They then forced Mpofu to drive with them to Mfuleni where Ndlangana changed his bloodied clothes and they dropped the loot. They then went to Khayelitsha to drink and then to Kraaifontein where the buyer of the vehicles stayed. They released Mpofu the next morning in Kraaifontein on condition that he didn't point them out.

A month later, the duo together with Nomasango Xhego planned to rob her employer, Evril Page. Nomasango had advised the two that her employer leaves her home at 9am and the plan was to find her at her home and rob her but the two arrived late. As she arrived at home that afternoon, she was grabbed & dragged into the bedroom while Nomasango was in the kitchen. Nomasango refused to be tied up to look like the victim as planned. Ndlangana sat on Page's stomach, knee on her chest and strangled her. She lost consciousness and the two started ransacking the house.

They took R11 500, a cell phone, four Samsung cell phones, an X Box Console, ten videos, Wi-Fi, various items of clothing, sunglasses, kitchen electrical appliances, a camera and video recorders, jewellery, a laptop, a tablet, hard drives and a black Audi Q3. They then left under the impression that Page was dead. It is under this assumption Nomasango Xhego remained.

Kind Regards,

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