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RE: MAN SENTENCED FOR DOUBLE MURDER & ROBBERY

Sifiso Clifford Mthembu (40) was sentenced to 12 months and life imprisonment in the Durban High Court yesterday for the murder of two men as well as for theft and robbery with aggravating circumstances in February 2015.

The female complainant in the theft charge was in a love triangle with the accused and another man, Ayanda Khathi. The incident occurred in the Verulam area and on the day the accused approached the complainant about the affair. In a fit of rage the accused drove off in the complainant's car which contained her cell phone, tablet device and an amount of R1000.

The accused then phoned Khathi and questioned him about the affair. After failing to get a response from him, the accused used the complainant's tablet to message the man. The accused pretended to be the complainant and told Khathi that she was assaulted by the accused and needed a lift home. Khathi arranged with his brother to go and fetch the complainant. Khathi's brother went along with a friend of his.

The two men were thus lured to an area called Sand Pitt where the accused killed them thinking it was Khathi and a friend. The deceased were also robbed of their cell phones.

State Advocate, Krishen Shah led cell phone evidence that linked the accused to the crime. Further, the complainant's belongings were found at the accused's mother's house. Shah also led the testimony of mothers of the deceased.

The accused was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for theft and robbery (taken as one for the purpose of sentencing) and life imprisonment for the murders (taken as one for the purpose of sentencing).

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Advocate Noko said about the sentence, "We welcome it as it is indeed an appropriate sentence."

Kind Regards,

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