

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 10 MAY 2017

**RE: MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS DIRECT IMPRISONMENT FOR
MURDER OF A YOUNG WOMAN**

The Western Cape High Court has sentenced Monwabisi Mbobo to fifteen years direct imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to the kidnapping and murder of a young Khayelitsha woman, Anelisa Dulane.

Mbobo entered into a plea and sentencing agreement with the state and pleaded guilty to kidnapping and the murder of the young woman. He was sentenced to five years direct imprisonment for the kidnapping and fifteen years direct imprisonment for the murder. The court ordered that both sentences run concurrently. It further declared the accused unfit to possess a firearm.

Advocate Thabo Ntela who oversaw the plea and sentencing agreement on behalf of the state said: "The accused has shown genuine remorse, he is capable of rehabilitation and the lengthy period of direct imprisonment as suggested above will assist in that goal."

He further said that the murder of Dulane was not premediated and the accused, as a first offender, can only be sentenced to a period of no less than 15 years direct imprisonment.

What started as a New Year's Eve drinking spree ended up with a kidnapping, murder, a burial in a shallow grave in what was to be a foundation of a neighbour's block of flats, a confession and an arrest. On 31 January 2016, Mbobo went to a shebeen and drank till the next morning. After it closed, he walked home, and whilst on his way home, he met the deceased. They decided to walk to his home and at his place he continued to drink whisky.

The two then got into his bed and had sex. They then fell asleep and after a while he was awoken by the deceased who told him she was going home. The accused then grabbed her and told her not to leave. He prevented her from leaving and forcibly kept her against her will. An argument broke out between them and they wrestled. The accused then pushed the deceased hard and she hit her head against the wall. She fell to the ground and he realised she has collapsed. The accused then left to seek help from his friend whom he did not find and he returned to his room to find the blood dry on the floor and that the deceased was stiff. As the deceased lay there lifeless, the accused continued to drink not even caring to call an ambulance.

He then walked out of his room, left her and went to the shebeen to buy a bottle of gin. The accused drank half of the gin at the shebeen without diluting it. He then left the shebeen and went back to his room.

The former magician who has performed in Las Vegas and was on the verge of travelling to Italy to perform before his arrest, found the deceased still in the position he had left her after collapsing. He then went to the neighbour's backyard where they were in the process of building a block of flats or backrooms and he dug a hole on the floor that was not cemented yet. He then went back to his room, wrapped her face with plastic, took her body and dumped it in the shallow grave he dug earlier. He then covered it with sand.

The accused admitted that he was responsible for the death of the deceased person and that his actions were wrongful and unlawful. Before he was sentenced he apologised to the family of the deceased for what he did.

Kind Regards,

Eric Ntabazalila

Regional Spokesperson: DPP Western Cape

Enquiries: entabazalila@npa.gov.za

073 062 1222