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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: Man Sentenced To 15 Years For Murder Of His Lover**

On 04 August 2017, the regional court in Mankweng convicted and sentenced a resident of Phuthi village Ga Mothapo, Segone Abram Baloyi (32) for murder to 15 years imprisonment.

The court heard that on 09 October 2015 the accused stabbed the deceased, Anna Mokobodi (38) to death with a knife at Nobody Ga Mothiba. The incident happened in front of the deceased's three minor children. The court further heard that the accused was having a love affair with the deceased at the time. He killed her out of jealousy for suspecting that she was cheating on him with another man.

The accused pleaded not guilty on 08/08/2016 and denied all the allegations. He insisted that he acted in self-defence.

The State Prosecutor, Matibidi Malatji argued for a conviction stating that the accused did not act in self-defence but killed the deceased out of jealousy. Three witnesses for the state were also called; two children of the deceased who were present when the incident occurred as well as an adult male visitor who was suspected by the accused of having a love affair with the deceased.

The court sentenced the accused in terms of Section 51 (2) of Act 105 of 1997 to 15 years imprisonment. The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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