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RE: MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS 35 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER

On 29 June 2017, the High Court sitting in Thohoyandou sentenced Tshedza Tshikovi (23) of Nsavulani to life imprisonment for murder, 10 years imprisonment for housebreaking with intent to commit robbery, 15 years imprisonment for house robbery and 10 years imprisonment for attempted murder.

The court heard that on 25 November 2016, the accused broke and entered the victim's homestead at Nsavulani village in Giyani. He was armed with a knife. In respect to count 1, 2 and 3, he stabbed the victim and robbed her cellphone. She died instantly at the scene. On the same night he stabbed the other victim mercilessly.

In aggravation of sentence, Advocate Nnyambeni Nekhambele submitted to the court that the victim who survived the attack was stabbed in the eye and she is a disabled person. He further submitted that death of the victim was caused by the accused in committing robbery with aggravating circumstances. It was submitted that the accused should be removed from society for the rest of his life.

Advocate Nekhambele further submitted that the accused be declared unfit to possess a firearm. When handing judgment on sentence, the judge stated that there were no substantial and compelling circumstances justifying deviation from the Minimum Sentence Act. The court sentenced the accused to life imprisonment for murder which was ordered to run concurrently with other sentences.

"We welcome the sentence and hope that this sentence will address the scourge of sexual offences," said the Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Ivy Thenga.

Kind Regards,

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