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**RE: MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR MURDER OF LOVER
COP**

The Thohoyandou High Court Sentenced Caswell Mabasa (37) to life imprisonment for murdering Tintswalo Nkuna (36), who was a police officer.

The court heard during trial of how on 20 July 2015, the accused shot and killed the deceased and later went to report the incident to the police pretending to have no knowledge of what transpired.

The state called witnesses who testified about the incident on the day in question whilst the accused denied any involvement in the offence. The court rejected his version and found him guilty.

In aggravation of sentence, the State Prosecutor, Advocate Wendy Nekhavhambe referred the court to the gun wounds sustained by the deceased from the photo album compiled by the investigating team and the gruesome manner in which the deceased was killed. He emphasised that the accused had killed a member of the police force who was responsible for protecting citizens of the republic and executed her mandate as expected of her when duty called.

The court ruled in favour of the state and remarked that this is a serious offence deserving a sentence which will send a message to all who kill peace officers and think that they can get away with it and sentenced him to life imprisonment.

The DPP, Advocate Ivy Thenga Commended the investigating team and advocate Nekhavhambe for their persistence in ensuring that the accused is duly punished for the senseless killing of a peace officer.

Kind Regards,

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