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RE: MATTER STRUCK OFF THE ROLL AFTER ACCUSED DIES

Yesterday, in the Durban High Court, the state requested that the matter against Philani Ntuli (31) be struck off the court roll, as the accused has died. Ntuli who was charged with the kidnapping, rape and murder of 19-year-old Siam Lee, faced other charges including robbery with aggravating circumstances, assault and crimen injuria, relating to his ex-fiancé.

The state, represented by senior state advocate Sheryl Naidu provided the court with a death certificate, a set of fingerprints as well as other legitimate documentation, confirming that the accused had died. Advocate Naidu told the court that South African Police Service officials had also done a visual inspection of the body.

The presiding officer noted the evidence and the matter was duly struck off the court roll.

Kind Regards,

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