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## **EX-BOYFRIEND SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS**

Sholin Bissoon (22) of Woodview, north of Durban, was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment in the Durban High Court on Wednesday, 13 May 2015. This was for the murder of Kimeera Rajbunsi (17) in March last year.

The two were dating since 2012 and although the deceased ended their relationship two months prior to her death, they remained friends. On the day of the incident, the accused visited the deceased at her home. While there, he read her personal diary and was enraged by the entries she had made where she confessed her affections for someone else.

The accused hit the deceased on her head with a frying pan and then proceeded to stab her several times. He transported her body in the boot of his car to a dam in a sugar cane plantation in Mount Edgecombe where he dumped the body. Bissoon pleaded guilty to murder late last year.

In aggravation of sentence, senior state advocate, Sheryl Naidu led the evidence of the deceased's sister who testified that the accused was a possessive and controlling person who did not allow the deceased any access to social media. She even mentioned that her sister had to send pictures of the clothes she was wearing (before she went out) so that the accused could approve of the outfit.

While Bissoon claimed that reading the diary made him very angry and he was in a fit of rage when he committed the murder, the state proved that this was not a substantial and compelling reason to commit the offence.

Kind Regards,

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