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RE: MEN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON PLUS 15 YEARS FOR MURDER & ROBBERY

The Port Alfred Regional Court sentenced Andile Memani and Bongani Hani to life imprisonment for murder plus 15 years for robbery with aggravating circumstances. The court papers revealed that on 23 August 2014 the complainant and the deceased in this matter were walking home in Nemato Township when they were robbed by two men. It is also alleged that the complainant and deceased were stabbed with a knife during the robbery.

The deceased died on the scene and the complainant identified the robbers as the two men that faced trial in this matter. They were arrested and charged with robbery with aggravating circumstances and murder each.

In 2015, the matter was struck off the roll because the complainant and the only witness in this matter disappeared. The complainant was then found in 2016 and the matter re-enrolled again. Both accused pleaded not guilty and were sentenced on 16 May 2017. It also transpired that Hani was also convicted and sentenced for another matter in the Grahamstown High Court recently.

The state was represented by prosecutor, Johan Carstens and the NPA welcomes this sentence.

Kind Regards,

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