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RE: MURDERER SENTENCED TO LIFE & 12 MONTHS

Zongenzani Sixtus Nyuswa (47) was sentenced to life and 12 months imprisonment in the Scottburgh Regional Court last week for murder and violation of a protection order.

The incident occurred in Sawoti on the KZN south coast. The accused was in a relationship with a woman and they had a child together. At some point, the woman ended their relationship but the accused refused to accept her decision. She then obtained a protection order preventing him from coming to her house and assaulting her. On the day of the incident, the accused went to her house and assaulted her in the presence of her new boyfriend. Her boyfriend intervened and the accused attacked him, chopping him several times on his head and fatally wounding him.

Regional Court Prosecutor, Akhile Gcume led the evidence of the woman who had witnessed the murder (ex-girlfriend) as well as the accused's girlfriend, to whom he had admitted to chopping the deceased.

The accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and 12 months imprisonment for violating the protection order. The sentences will run concurrently.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Moipone Noko, "We welcome the sentence and hope that it will have the necessary deterrent effect."

Kind Regards,

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