

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: MURDERER SENTENCED**

The Nelspruit High Court sentenced Sipiwe Ronny Mndawe (34) of Graskop to life imprisonment last week for murder and 15 years imprisonment for attempted murder.

This incident happened on 21 March 2016 at Extension 5, RPD settlements in Graskop. The complainant in count 2 and the accused's wife were participating in one social club. Then an argument ensued between them when the accused's wife demanded money back from the society. Few days after, Mndawe followed the deceased to her residence. He fired shots, strangled complainant number 2 and hit her with a firearm. Unfortunately, Miranda Randy Mashego later died later at hospital. Mndawe handed himself to the police and was arrested.

During trial, advocate David Phudikabekwa led evidence of the eyewitness, the complainant in count 2 who also happened to be the sister to the deceased. The state further led evidence of Amanda Dennison who stays in the same neighbourhood with the deceased and the complainant in count 2.

Judge Mali, sentenced Mndawe to life imprisonment for murder and 15 years for attempted murder. The court ordered the sentence in count 2 to run concurrently with the sentence in count 1.

The NPA welcomes the sentence with the hope that it will deter would-be murderers.

Kind Regards,

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