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RE: NO MERCY FOR COP KILLERS

Last week, two men were sentenced by the Johannesburg High Court to life imprisonment for killing a cop in 2015.

A shootout ensued between police officers and a gang of armed robbers at Cash Crusaders in Vosloorus, Ekurhuleni on 29 July 2015.

The video of the robbery went viral showing the gruesome incident that resulted in the death of Constable Buthelezi who tried to foil the robbery.

State Advocate Riana Williams pleaded with the court to show no mercy to the people who kill those who have taken an oath to serve and protect the citizens of this country. "The killing of police officials should be condemned with the strongest of terms and only hefty sentences will serve to deter like-minded individuals. We cannot continue to live in a society where criminals think that they are above the law by undermining the right to life of men and women in blue", she said in persuading the court not to deter from the minimum prescribed sentence of life for an offence of murder as prescribed by the law.

Crimes perpetrated on police officials are viewed by the state as extremely serious and shall be met with the wrath of the law.

The NPA is satisfied that the court arrived at a just sentence, one that is proportionate to the seriousness of the crime and congratulates Advocate Riana and Sergeant Jansen from the Provincial Investigative Unit of SAPS for a sterling team work.

Kind Regards,

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