

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: PAIR PLEAD GUILTY TO KILLING FOR BODY PARTS**

Sibusiso Phumlani Xolo Ngidi (34) and Khanyisile Winnie Khusi (46) were sentenced to a term of life imprisonment each in the Pietermaritzburg High Court today after pleading guilty to the murder of 17 year-old Mxolisi Langazana in May 2017.

The accused and the deceased lived in the Nkothaneni area near Margate and knew each other. Ngidi is a traditional healer and Khusi his assistant. The deceased visited Ngidi for consultations.

In their plea statements, both accused outlined how and why they killed the deceased. Ngidi said another traditional healer (Themba) told him that he should kill a person if he wanted to increase his healing powers. He then enlisted the help of his wife, his two girlfriends and his co-accused.

On the day that the deceased had come for a consultation, the group drank heavily, making the deceased drunk too. They then strangled him and chopped off his head. They buried his body and dug it up a few months later to dismember it. Some parts were under ground while the rest were placed in a pot. Ngidi was arrested while taking the rest of the body to Themba. Khusi's plea was similar to Ngidi's plea.

In aggravation of sentence, Senior State Advocate, Mbongeni Mthembu described the accused as pure evil and demonic. He said the deceased was killed in cold blood, planned and premeditated act.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Advocate Moipone Noko said, "We welcome the conviction and sentence in this matter. I hope that this serves to deter people who commit barbaric acts in the name of muthi".

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN**

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