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RE: POLICE MURDERER SENTENCED TO 2 LIFE SENTENCES

Yesterday, the High Court sitting in Delmas sentenced Thabiseng Alexander Mohoebi (32) a Lesotho national, to two life sentences after he was convicted for murder and robbery of Ally Bongane Nkumba who was in the employ of the Mpumalanga Provincial Traffic Control: Department of Community Safety Security and Liaison in 2016.

The court heard that, on 5 August 2016 near Standerton, the deceased was on duty in the Standerton area in Secunda and observed a Black Jeep with registration EB 123 which stopped in a non-stopping area to give a hitch hiker a lift. Then the deceased approached the driver and requested him to produce his driver's licence as he suspected that the accused had consumed alcohol. An argument ensued after the deceased issued a traffic fine to the accused, the accused took a firearm and fired three shots at the deceased, robbed him of his fine book and drove away from the scene. The accused was later arrested at the Lesotho Border post.

During trial, Mohoebi pleaded guilty to four counts namely; murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, possession of illegal firearm and ammunition. However, the Acting Director of Public of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Eric Van Der Merwe told the court that these kinds of cases are widespread, where traffic officers are assaulted and robbed of their firearms. He also argued that although the accused has pleaded guilty he did not show any remorse for his actions.

During sentencing, the accused was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and another life sentence for robbery with aggravating circumstances.

The NPA applauds the team for the job well done in ensuring the justice is served to the family of the victim with the hope that it will deter would be offenders.

Kind Regards,

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