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RE: ROBBER SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS

The North West High Court convicted and sentenced Dingaen Patric Mandewo to 10 years direct imprisonment for house breaking with intent to rob and robbery with aggravating circumstances [count 5] , 3 years for house breaking with intent to steal and theft [count 14] and 4 years for robbery [count 15]. He will serve effectively, 17 years imprisonment.

Dingaen Mandewo was charged together with Daniel Itumeleng Selekyano and Boitumelo Napoleon Moilwa for over 30 charges including murder, attempted murder, rape and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

Daniel Itumeleng Selekyano was sentenced in February 2015 by the North West High Court to 2 life sentences and 40 years on 13 charges while Itumeleng Moilwa is still at large.

On 05 December 2008, Accused 1, Itumeleng Selekyano, Accused 2, Dingaen Mandewo and Accused 3, Napoleon Moilwa attacked and robbed Ernest Tsietsi Makama of Lendrick Plot 17 in the Molopo District. He was asleep at around 2am when three gentlemen forcefully opened his house. In the process he was attacked with a gun and knife and his hands and legs were tied together. He was robbed his valuable items including vehicle.

On count 14, Itumeleng Selekyano, Dingaen Mandewo and Boitumelo Napoleon broke into the house in unit 2. They stole microwave, rotating heater, sound system and Plasma. While on count 15, Dingaen Mandewo attacked Mr Leeto who was on his crutches to deposit money in the bank. He was pushed by the accused and was robbed of his cash.

The court heard that during the sentencing of both Itumeleng Selekanyo and Dingaan Mandewo in February 2015, Dingaan Mandewo escaped from the High Court during lunch time as he was on bail. He was at large for 2 years and was arrested in November 2016 and kept in custody until March 2017 when he was sentenced.

During aggravation of sentence, State Prosecutor, Advocate Mpho Makhaga argued that the accused did not have respect for the honourable court. She further stated that the accused was at large for over two years and he never bothered to inform the court about his whereabouts. She said he was not remorseful and he pleaded not guilty to all charges.

When delivering the judgement, Judge Maleshane Kgwele stated that the court must take into consideration the offence, accused person as well as interest of the society. The court further said what the accused did to Leeto, was not only degrading and humiliating but was pathetic. He pushed and robbed a disabled man knowing very well that he will not be able to chase him. The court sentenced Accused 2, Dingaan Mandewo to 17 years imprisonment.

The DPP North West, Advocate Johan Smit SC said that the NPA remains steadfast in its commitment to fight crime and congratulated Advocate Makhaga for good work.

Kind Regards,

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