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RE: ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY

Last week, Siphamandla Mlotshwa and Simphiwe Tita Dlamini were sentenced to an effective 12 years imprisonment each in the Durban Regional Court after they pleaded guilty to housebreaking with intent to rob and robbery. The offences took place in the Bayview area of Chatsworth in Durban.

In October 2016, Mlotshwa robbed a woman in her home, wielding a screwdriver. As he fled the scene, he dropped the screwdriver. His DNA was lifted from the screwdriver and captured on the forensic database.

In mid-October 2018, both Mlotshwa and Dlamini broke into another home and robbed a family but they managed to escape.

Then two days later, both of them robbed another house. Following their arrest, Mlotshwa was linked to the 2016 robbery by DNA evidence and Dlamini was pointed out in an identity parade by both sets of complainants.

Each accused pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery and housebreaking with intent to rob, and were sentenced to an effective 12 years imprisonment each. The presiding officer deviated from the minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment as the accused had pleaded guilty to their crimes and they had been in custody since May 2019.

In court, Regional Court Prosecutor, Kuveshni Pillay told the court that this case demonstrated the power of DNA evidence in bringing repeat offenders to book.

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