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RE: STAGGERING LIFE BEHIND BARS FOR STABBING GIRLFRIEND TO DEATH

A Johannesburg man who fatally stabbed his lover to death was sentenced to life plus 5 years behind bars by the Gauteng Local Division High Court in Johannesburg on 07 June 2019.

The court found Ndumiso Ndebele (28) guilty of 2 criminal offences, which included murder and attempted murder, after he intentionally killed his girlfriend, Adolphina Tshuma and stabbed Tshuma's employer, Faith Ncube in Berea, Johannesburg in August 2018.

On 3 August 2018, at Ukhamba Mansion flats in Berea, Ncube saw the deceased crying and calling out for help in the presence of the accused. When she tried to intervene, the accused stabbed her with a knife on her lower back until she succumbed to multiple stab wounds. The post-mortem examination revealed that the deceased was stabbed twelve times.

The accused testified in mitigation for a lesser sentence that he is remorseful for his wrong doing and asked the court to consider that he was a first time offender.

In aggravation, the prosecution called the cousin of the deceased, Eusebia Dube, who told the court that they do not accept the accused's apology as in their view it was not sincere. State advocate Rendani Ndou also put it before court that the criminal acts were premeditated, brutal and there are no substantial and compelling circumstances warranting a deviation from the prescribed minimum sentence.

Judge Mohamed Ishmael handed down the sentence where he condemned Ndebele's actions, saying they are of detriment to society.

The NPA condemns any form of abuse and violation of women's rights.

Kind Regards,

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