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RE: 3 x LIFE AND 11 YEARS FOR TAXI FEUD MURDERS

Sandile Mondli Skhila Mabaso (25) received 3 terms of life and eleven years imprisonment in the Pietermaritzburg High Court last week for the 3 murders, attempted murder and assault, he committed in October 2016. The offences relate to the ongoing taxi-related strife in the Ezakheni and Colenso areas over lucrative taxi routes.

In the first instance, the accused went on a rampage at a tavern in Ezakheni, killing Lungelo Mtshali and Thobelani Ndaba. Then in mid-October, Sandile Madondo and Nthuthuko Mlotshwa were standing outside a shop in Colenso when two men opened fired on them. Madondo died due to his injuries and Mlotshwa survived.

In court, the state, represented by Senior State Advocate Wendy Greeff led ballistic evidence linking the accused to the tavern offences and to the firearm used in both instances. Further, an eyewitness testified that he had seen the accused commit the murders in the tavern.

Victim impact statements compiled by family members of the deceased and facilitated by Court Preparation Officer, Sibusiso Ntombela were also submitted in court. Both families mentioned their struggle with dealing with their loss as well as the impact the offences have had on the deceased's children.

The accused received 3 life sentences (1 for each murder), 5 years imprisonment for attempted murder and 6 years imprisonment for assault to do grievous bodily harm. The sentences will run concurrently with that of life.

Kind Regards,

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