

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: TWO GANGSTERS SENTENCED TO LENGTHY TERMS IN A SPACE OF TWO DAYS**

On Monday, 28 May 2018, Sithembiso Mofu was convicted and sentenced to an effective 15 years imprisonment on charges of attempted murder, unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition by the Port Elizabeth Regional Court. It was revealed in court papers that he was affiliated to the Spotbouers Gang. The incident happened on 7 May 2017, when the accused was walking towards a Spaza shop in Harlequin Street where Terrie – Anne Schoenie and Carrison Smith were standing. He fired several shots at them, wounding Carrison in the right hand, chest and back. The case was prosecuted by Advocate Ahmed Rafick and his Gang Task Team.

In yet another gang related case in which Advocate Rafick and his Gang Task Team were involved, the state managed to secure a good sentence in a space of two days. In the second case, two couples were walking in Aandblom Street in Acardia, when Reneal Seagal, who is affiliated to the Hondekoppe Gang, called the women and asked them about the men they were with on 20 August 2015. They were standing in front of a well-known drug post in Reyners Street. As the women replied, the accused spotted Jason Malusi, whom he was looking for. Seagal fired several shots at Jason, killing him. The couples were also shot at whilst fleeing and one man was shot on the shoulder. About three months after the incident, one witness was shot and killed in a gang related shooting. The accused was arraigned in the regional court on charges of murder, two counts of attempted murder, unlawful possession of firearm and ammunition. He pleaded not guilty and on 30 May 2018, he was convicted as charged and sentenced to an effective 37 years imprisonment.

Advocate Rafick from the Gang Task Team was upbeat about the sentences, saying that he believed they are making a big difference in the fight against gansterism in the Northern Areas of Port Elizabeth.

The excellent relationship between the SAPS and the prosecution team who worked tirelessly to secure these convictions, must be applauded. Advocate Rafick and Warrant Officer Phillips are congratulated on sterling work done, despite the challenges, to secure these convictions and sentences.

The NPA welcomes the sentences.

Kind Regards,

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