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RE: TWO JOHANNESBURG MEN SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR DEADLY ROBBERY

Acting Judge James Grant sentenced two men in the Johannesburg High Court for murders perpetrated in 2016. Bheki Ngubane (35) and Muzimandla Majozi (29) were sentenced to life imprisonment after they were found guilty of the murder of Victor Dlamini, attempted murder, robbery and possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition on 18 June 2019.

Both accused, whilst in the company of two males that are now deceased, entered the Bread Bin and Milky Bar in Maraisburg on 10 May 2016. They sought Dlamini who was the security officer and shot him twice, robbing him of his firearm. Essop Khota, the store owner, realised the commotion taking place in the shop and moved towards an open door of the back room to observe. The accused saw him and fired shots towards him. Khota returned fire, fatally wounding two of the assailants. The pair also received life imprisonment in respect of the murders of their co-perpetrators.

Praying for a lenient sentence, the duo's attorney asked the court to consider the 3 year period both accused spent incarcerated, awaiting the finalisation of the case, as well as the fact that they were first time offenders.

Advocate Steven Rubin, on behalf of the state, argued that the accused acted in joint conduct in executing premeditated murder and should therefore be sentenced to life as prescribed by the law - a plea Judge Grant acceded to.

Kind Regards,

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