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RE: TWO MEN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

The Sibasa Regional Court sentenced Mpofu Brian Bohzo (31) and Chidino Lucky Tinashe (28) from Zimbabwe to 15 years imprisonment each after convicting them for attempted murder.

The court heard that the complainant was out on a night of drinks at a local tavern when he was attacked, without any provocation, by the two accused who accused him of disrespecting them. Accused number two, produced a knife and together with accused one, chased after the complainant who fled to a house in the neighbourhood. When they caught up with him, they assaulted him with stones and further stabbed him with a knife causing him serious injuries.

In court, the two accused pleaded not guilty on the charge of attempted murder. The state led the evidence of the victim, several witnesses and of the Medical Doctor. At the conclusion of the trial the court found them guilty as charged.

In aggravation of sentence, the State Prosecutor, Advocate Rabelani Mutsinda Makhera, proved that accused two has two previous convictions of contravening section 49 (1) of the immigration act, where he used two different names, namely; Mapfumo Stanley and Zulu Madhala Lucky. He further submitted that the two accused did not show any remorse. He further submitted that it was further aggravating that accused one chose dangerous weapons such as a bolder and a wooden plank to assault the complainant. Whereas accused number two opted for a knife to stab him. He emphasized that the court must take into account that the complainant's quality of life was negatively affected as he is now confined to a wheel chair.

The court agreed with the state and sentenced both accused to 15 years imprisonment.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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