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Two get 18 years for murder

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TWO men were each slapped with 18 years imprisonment each for the murder of a rival gang member.

The pair, Gopolang Daniel Dichake, 22 and Othusitse Mosimegi, 25, of SVK Gang were sentenced by the Wolmaransstad Regional Court.

Provincial police commissioner, Lt-Gen Baile Motswenyane welcomed the sentence saying it was a victory for the fight against gangsterism.

"The sentence sends a clear message

to all those who are involved in gangsterism and this gives the message that crime does not pay," she said.

Motswenyane further urged members of the community to work with the police in the fight against gangsterism including discouraging participation of children in gang related activities.

Dichake and Mosimegi were found guilty of stabbing 20-year-old Tebogo Meko to death in 2016.

"The two accused were sentenced for the murder of Meko.

"It was reported at the time of the

incident that the pair stabbed Meko several times with a knife on December 2 2016 in what appeared to be a revenge attack for killing an SVK gang member," police spokesperson Sgt Kelébogik Moleko said.

She said after thorough investigations, the accused were successfully traced and arrested.

Gangsterism is a huge problem in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda district and authorities continue to call for restraint and societal interventions.

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