

MEDIA SUMMARY – JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

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RICHMAN SIZWE MLENZE v THE STATE

1. The Supreme Court of Appeal today dismissed an appeal by the appellant against his conviction for murder and a sentence of 10 years. The appellant was convicted and sentenced by the Fort Beaufort Regional Court which were both confirmed by the Grahamstown High Court.
2. The appellant's version was that he had shot the deceased inside his premises as the latter had posed a threat to his life and his property.
3. The Supreme Court of Appeal found that the appellant's version was correctly rejected as not reasonably possibly true by the regional and high courts. In this regard the Supreme Court of Appeal found that the evidence of an eyewitness was reliable and was also corroborated by at least three independent witnesses.