

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA welcomes harsh sentence for N1 spiking gang**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) welcomes the sentencing of four criminals for placing spikes on the N1 highway between Gauteng and Limpopo.

These criminals were sentenced at the Mokopane Regional Court to a combined total of 86 years imprisonment for causing accidents and robbery. They also face additional charges for escaping from police custody earlier in July 2021, where they were rearrested with one suspect still being on the run.

The gang has been operating in the areas of Bela-Bela, Modimolle and Mokopane in Limpopo since 2019. The PSA commends the South African Police Service for the excellent work in the investigation and capture of these gang members, resulting in a positive conviction. The sentence will send a strong message to other criminals. The PSA is hopeful that the remaining suspect will be apprehended to also face justice.

At the same time, the PSA welcomes the recent acquisition of 13 vehicles that will be used to patrol the N1 highway, which will assist in crime prevention in the area. Police visibility ensures a greater level of safety for road users.

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