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24 years for ANC

terrorist

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A SELF-CONFESSED ANC terrorist, Rogerio Hoffmani Chamusso (32), also known as Patrick Shange, was sentenced to 24 years' imprisonment on charges of sabotage by Mr Justice A P Myburgh in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

The court found him not guilty on charges of killing Mr Hendrik Rudolph Gerhardus Booysen and Mr Lukas Abraham Mans in a caravan camp near Ogies on October 23, 1981.

Chamusso pleaded not guilty to the two murder charges, but guilty to three charges of taking part in terrorist activities.

On the first count — undergoing military training for four weeks in Mozambique and Angola during 1981, he was sentenced to 10 years.

On a second count — sabotaging an Eskom power station at Transal-

loys, near Witbank, on October 23, 1981, using limpet mines — he was sentenced to 12 years.

On the third count — being in possession of an unlicensed Makarov pistol and Russian limpet mines — he was sentenced to six years.

Sentence

Mr Justice Myburgh ordered that four of the six years should run concurrently with the 12-year sentence, making an effective sentence of 24 years' imprisonment.

In passing sentence, Mr Myburgh said he took into consideration that Chamusso's wife and two children were killed in the raid on Matolla in Mo-

zambique.

The court also took note that the damages resulting from the explosion at Transalloys amounted to R20 000.

Evidence

Referring to the deaths of Mr Booysen and Mr Mans, Mr Justice Myburgh said that the evidence of the only eye-witness, a Black youth who worked as a kitchen hand for the two men, was not entirely satisfactory.

The youth could not positively identify Chamusso from photos and at an identification parade as the man who shot his em. yers with a Makarov pistol while they were working in a tent which

was attached to the caravan.

Although the police had found a Makarov pistol in a stolen car driven by Chamusso, after it had overturned during a chase, the State had not proved beyond a reason-

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able doubt that he had fired the fatal shots.

According to the ballistic evidence the bullets which killed Mr Mans and Mr Booysen were fired from the Makarov pistol that was found in Chamusso's possession.

In earlier evidence, Chamusso told the court he had been sent on a mission of destruction from Maputo to South Africa by ANC leader, Joe Slovo.

Chamusso said he met Joe Slovo in Mozambique and was ordered to attack three targets in South Africa — Sasol, Evander and Transalloys.

The prosecutor was the Deputy Attorney General, Mr P G Hanbroek. He was assisted by Mr S Joobert. Chamusso was defended by Mr J N de Vos and Mr E J A Dene.

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