

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA SUMMARY - JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

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Daniel Coenraad De Beer (1210/2016) ZASCA 183 (5 December 2017)

MEDIA STATEMENT

The Supreme Court of Appeal held in this matter that the Local Division had the power to increase a sentence where the appellant had appealed against his conviction only, after it had notified the appellant that it was considering doing so. The sentence of life imprisonment was however held to be disproportionate, and was set aside. The sentence imposed by the regional court was reinstated.