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**South African Man Sentenced for Fourth Aggravated Murder**

*Defendant claims, "I kill people everywhere I go."*

*State v. Muziwokuthula Madonda, 2011-CR-2329*

**DAYTON, OH (01/20/2023)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **MUZIWOKUTHULA S. MADONDA**, 45, of South Africa, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after being convicted for the murder of a fourth victim in a multi-state crime spree.

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, in the area of 10100 Frederick Pike in Butler Township, the defendant fatally shot 25-year-old Zenzele Davis Mdadane. The defendant and the victim were both from South Africa, knew each other, and both had received United States work visas. Days before murdering this victim, the defendant robbed and fatally shot a female bank vice president in Akron, Ohio. After the Akron murder, the defendant lured the victim Mdadane to Dayton with plans to murder him and assume the victim's identity. When the victim arrived in Dayton, the defendant drove him to an isolated area in Butler Township and fatally shot him. The defendant took the victim's belongings and fled to New Mexico.

On March 20, 2011, the defendant fatally shot two men inside a Tucumcari, New Mexico hotel room, and fled to Texas. Texas Rangers located the defendant in a motel room that was registered in his name and arrested him. Inside Defendant's vehicle, investigators found a .38 caliber revolver that was used in all four homicides.

On March 17, 2022, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant for the aggravated murder of Mdadane. On December 21, 2022, the defendant entered a guilty plea to one count of Aggravated Murder with a 3-year firearm specification and one count of Felonious Assault. In a court hearing prior to his plea, the defendant told the court that given the opportunity he will kill again and that he kills people everywhere he goes.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, which was ordered to run consecutively to the 24-year sentence imposed in New Mexico and consecutively to the 33 years-to-life prison sentence for the Akron homicide. As a result of today's sentencing, Defendant has now been convicted and sentenced for each of these four homicides and will remain incarcerated for the remainder of his life.

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