



THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA SUMMARY – JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

Case number: 433/06

In the matter between

MINNELDHEVI IRIS NAIDOO

APPELLANT

and

THE STATE

RESPONDENT

From: The Registrar, Supreme Court of Appeal

Date: 2007-09-14

Status: Immediate

Minneldhevi Iris Naidoo, a widow of Phoenix, Durban, lost her appeal against her conviction of attempted murder and sentence of 5 years imprisonment subject to her release into correctional supervision in the discretion of the Commissioner for Correctional Services.

Mrs Naidoo had pleaded guilty in the Regional Court, Verulam, to having hired an assassin for R10 000 to kill her sister's husband who had been abusive towards her (the sister). She had taken out a R100 000 policy on the life of the intended victim with her sister as beneficiary. The

assassin carried out his part of the bargain but fortunately only grazed the victim's shoulder when shooting at him. Mrs Naidoo claimed in the SCA that she had decided not to go ahead with the plan and tried to stop the assassin before he did the shooting.

The court held that there was insufficient evidence to support a claim that there was a genuine attempt to withdraw and confirmed the conviction and sentence.