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## Judge's drink trial off again

Pretoria High Court Judge Nkola Motata was given another chance yesterday to try and block a court from hearing recordings of his alleged drunken diatribes after a car accident.

This was after Nkola's drink driving trial was postponed in the Johannesburg magistrate's court until July 2 2008 when it will proceed for a full month.

The postponement of the case came after Nair turned down an application by the defence to temporarily block the court from listening to recordings of Motata's alleged drunken diatribe.

Last week Nair ruled that five audio recordings of Motata after his car accident could be heard as part of a trial-within-a-trial to determine their admissibility.

The defence then applied for a postponement in order to give them time to have Nair's ruling reviewed by the high court.

Nair turned down the application for a specific postponement to allow a high court review.

Defence advocate Danie Dorfling said the defence would now use the postponement time to apply for a high court review anyway.

Motata is currently on paid leave from his position as a judge in the Pretoria high court. - Sapa

