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RE: 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVANT

Rofhiwa Khapathe (34) was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in the Kokstad Regional Court this week after being convicted of defrauding his employer of R750 000.

The accused was employed as a state accountant by the Department of Correctional Services and was stationed at Kokstad. In committing these offences, he would pretend to pay money to the department's various service providers and would then make false claims against the department. This money was deposited into his bank account as well as the bank accounts of his friends, who would withdraw the money and give it back to him.

Acting Chief Prosecutor, Lungisa Madlavu led the evidence of the accused's friends who testified as Section 204 witnesses, as well as documentary proof of the account holders thus showing that the monies had indeed been deposited.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Moipone Noko had this to say, "this sentence is welcomed. Corruption and Fraud are serious offences and are viewed in the same light."

Kind Regards,

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