

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: AFU (EASTERN CAPE) GRANTED A FORFEITURE ORDER BY THE GRAHAMSTOWN HIGH COURT**

On 03 November 2015, the AFU obtained a forfeiture order in the Grahamstown High Court forfeiting to the state the following items:

Plots erf numbers 4096 and 4097, Parsons Vlei, Port Elizabeth,

Mercedes-Benz Viano with registration number HCX 466 EC,

Remainder equity of the Mercedes Benz C 63 AMG series with registration number CA 821 253 after Mercedes Benz finance paid its debt in respect of this vehicle;

Remainder equity of the Volkswagen Golf 370 with registration number CA 821 243 after TAVCOR finance paid its debt in respect of this vehicle.

This order follows the revelation that Nyameka Qongqo, an employee of OR Tambo District Municipality had stolen more than

R4 Million from her employer. A house in Gonubie, furniture items inside it and cash were previously forfeited to the state after it was proven that the items were bought using stolen money.

The present forfeiture order follows a thorough investigation on the source and destination of the stolen money. Further items bought using the stolen money were uncovered resulting in the forfeiture of items mentioned herein.

The two plots in Port Elizabeth were bought for R420 000 in March 2013 by Nyameka Qongqo and her former boyfriend Alex Tobani Notshokovu with monies that were stolen from the Municipality. Notshokovu is currently in prison for an unrelated matter.

The Mercedes-Benz Viano was bought by Notshokovu for R724 200 in cash in 2013. He also paid a deposit of R210 000 towards the purchase of the Mercedes Benz C 63 AMG. The R210 000 deposit and some of the instalments form part of the money stolen by Nyameka Qongqo.

Notshokovu also made a payment of R200 000 towards the purchase of Volkswagen Golf 370 and paid monthly instalments of R7 735.86.

The forfeiture order was the result of excellent work and good cooperation between AFU and Anti- Corruption Task Team branch of the Hawks in East London, the FIC and the prosecution team.

The NPA welcomes the granting of the forfeiture order as this will go a long way in showing the public that crime does not pay.

Kind Regards,

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