

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: NPA SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTES CORRUPT COURT OFFICIALS**

A former prosecutor, Meshack Famanda and two court orderlies, Lazarus Pooe and Phillip Leshiba were sentenced by the Johannesburg Magistrate Court on Wednesday, 10 February 2016.

Pooe was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment whilst the other two accused were sentenced to 10 years each. The three accused were charged with two counts of corruption which emanated from an undercover operation conducted by Crime Intelligence in Randburg Court (where all accused were employed) which resulted in the arrests of all accused.

Arguing for a sentence that befits the crime, Senior State Advocate Michelle Bayat argued that the accused were all law enforcement officers who acted in common purpose with each other by receiving money to make a docket disappear and having criminal charges of possession of drugs squashed.

The NPA remains committed to its Fraud and Corruption Plan which is a focused, multi-dimensional approach aimed at eliminating fraud and corruption. The suffering of South Africans at the hands of law enforcement officers who conduct themselves unethically should be condemned.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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