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RE: MDLULI AND CO-ACCUSED HAVE A CASE TO ANSWER

The High Court in Palmridge dismissed the application by Richard Mdluli and Mthembeni Mthunzi for a discharge in terms of section 174 of the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977. The Act states that, after conclusion of the state's case, an accused person may approach the court for a discharge when they are of the view that the state failed to deduce sufficient evidence upon which a reasonable court may convict. If granted, then the accused gets an acquittal.

The two accused were charged with twelve counts ranging from kidnapping, assault, intimidation and defeating the ends of justice and were acquitted only in one charge of intimidation, therefore reducing the counts to eleven.

The NPA is satisfied that the court is in agreement that the duo has a case to answer and the matter was postponed to 30 January 2017, opportune for the defense to prepare their case.

Kind Regards,

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