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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: AFU EXECUTES PRESERVATION ORDER ON DRUG ACCUSED**

Yesterday, the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in Kwa-Zulu Natal attached four properties belonging to cannabis dealers.

The operation was conducted in respect of an investigation by the Directorate of Priority Crime Investigation's (Hawks) Port Shepstone Organised Crime Unit, concerning the cultivation of and dealing in cannabis.

They executed a Preservation of Property Order on the properties situated in the Port Shepstone area. These properties belong to accused 1 in the criminal matter of State v Zsolt Lechki and 7 others, and his girlfriend Christine Ngandu.

On 27 May 2020, the Durban High Court granted the Unit a preservation order in respect of four farms used to set up indoor cannabis laboratories and a motor vehicle, on the basis that they are instrumentalities of an offence. The motor vehicle was used to deliver the cannabis to an undercover police agent.

The attached property have a cumulative estimate value of R3 million. These will be held under curatorship pending the outcome of a final forfeiture application.

The criminal matter returns to court on 31 July 2020 for a pre-trial conference.

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