

Media Statement



Tel: +27 12 845 6000

Email:
media@npa.gov.za

Victoria & Griffiths
Mxenge Building
123 Westlake Avenue
Weavind Park
Silverton
Pretoria

www.npa.gov.za

TO: ALL MEDIA

DATE: 10 OCTOBER 2019

RE: AFU KZN SEIZES ASSETS OF MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS AND CO-ACCUSED

The Asset Forfeiture Unit in KZN as part of a multi-disciplinary task team comprising of SAPS members, National Clean Audit Task Team of the DPCI and the NPA's Prosecutorial Services, seized the assets of several accused persons charged with fraud, corruption and money laundering this morning.

This relates to allegations against the ex-Mayor of EThekweni Municipality, Zandile Gumede, Councillor Mondli Mthembu, Sandile Ngcobo and Robert, who acted in concert with corporate entities and others to circumvent the outcome of the supply chain management protocols of the Municipality, in favour of the award of new Durban Solid Waste contracts. As a result of being awarded the unlawful contracts, the four corporate entities were paid R230 571 760.96 by February 2019.

Gumede and her co-accused (both individuals and corporate entities) made their first court appearance earlier this year.

Last week, the KZN Asset Forfeiture Unit obtained a restraint order in terms of Section 26 of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act (POCA), restraining assets of the accused to the value of approximately R 51 million. These assets include immovable property located in Zimbali and Umhlanga Rocks, luxury vehicles that include a Lamborghini, Porsche and Jaguars, assets hidden in trusts, companies, and cash in bank accounts. The assets seized will be held under restraint pending the outcome of the criminal matter. The court appointed curator Bonis has been ordered to locate assets to the value of R230 571 760.96.

The criminal matter returns to court on 15 January 2020.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Kara

Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN

Enquiries: nramkisson@npa.gov.za

0716700229