

# Media Statement



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**TO : ALL MEDIA**

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**RE : NPA SEIZES ASSETS OF CASH IN TRANSIT SUSPECT**

On 5 August 2010 the North Gauteng High Court granted the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) in the NPA a preservation order in terms of Section 38 of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act. The order was granted by Judge Moses Mavundla for the preservation of two houses, two vehicles, furniture and electronic goods belonging to Thabo Happy Mosia.

The court order was executed on 6 August 2010 by a court appointed curator, the Hawks and members of the AFU. In the house of Mr Mosia located in Liefde en Vrede, south of Johannesburg, they seized luxurious furniture, a large screen TV and audio equipment amongst other valuables. In the house of Mosia's mother located in Allandale suburban area, north of Johannesburg, they seized cash receipts, showing that thousands were spent for extensive renovations on the house. All the property is presently under curatorship and now subject to forfeiture by the court.

Mosia was identified as one of the ten (10) most wanted persons alleged to be responsible for cash-in-transit robberies around the country and is still at large whilst his alleged accomplices have been arrested by the Task Team located within the Hawks. Their criminal trial is currently proceeding in Springs Regional court in the East Rand and will resume on 22 September 2010 for further evidence. He is allegedly part of a gang responsible for a spate of cash-in-transit robberies especially in the year 2006. He is linked to at least five cash-in transit-robberies, involving millions of rands and loss of lives targeting various security companies including Coin Security, SBV Security and Fidelity Guards.

According to investigations Mosia, who is unemployed, has been maintaining a luxurious lifestyle. During 2006 he purchased his own house for R1.2 million and bought a house for his mother who is dependent on social grants, for R120 000 cash. He deposited an amount of over R700 000 through the four accounts opened in the name of his mother. He also purchased an Audi for R135 000 cash for his wife.

This is the first time the NPA has managed to obtain a preservation order against a suspected cash-in-transit robber of this magnitude. The case

illustrates the resilience of the NPA in combating organised crime and making sure that crime does not pay. The NPA is working closely with the Hawks in identifying and pursuing other cases of organised crime as these crimes threaten the economic stability of the country.

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