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RE: EAST LONDON DOCTOR IN COURT FOR THIRD COVID-19 RELATED FRAUD CASE

Dr Sipokazi Sokupa (67) made her first court appearance today at the East London Magistrate's Court for Fraud as she allegedly issued a medical certificate to an undercover police agent without examining the patient. The matter was postponed to Monday, 1 June 2020 for the continuation of the bail application.

Dr Sokupa has two previous cases. One is in the East London Regional Court where she faces two counts of fraud both related to her allegedly issuing medical certificates to undercover police agents. It is alleged that she did so without examining the agent.

For the second case she was arrested during lockdown for issuing fraudulent medical certificates to taxi drivers to transport passengers when lockdown regulations were very strict on the conditions under which such transportation under Alert Level 5 / 4. She faces three counts of fraud and contravention of lockdown regulations.

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