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**RE: EX-HAWKS MEMBERS CONVICTED FOR FRAUD, THEFT, FORGERY AND
UTTERING**

Richard Lekotswane Nkwanyana (48) and Peter Mathekanyana Molapo (58) appeared in the Middelburg Regional Court on Wednesday on four counts of fraud, theft, forgery, and uttering. Both accused were stationed at the Middelburg Hawks offices. Nkwanyana was the Head of the Anti-Corruption Unit. Molapo was stationed in the Organised Crime Unit.

They are both former members of the Serious Violent Crime in SAPS. They colluded and submitted false subsistence and travel claims to the police that they were booked at a Guest House.

During trial, the state, led by Advocate Patrick Nkuna led testimonies of the owner of the guest house, evidence of the finance personnel from the police, and the hand writing expert also testified that the invoices were forged. Both accused were found guilty as charged and the matter was postponed to 2 November 2018 at Middleburg Regional Court for sentencing.

Richard Nkwanyana has another pending case. He is standing trial on three counts of theft and three counts of defeating the ends of justice. The trial for this matter is set for 7-8 November 2018 in Nelspruit Regional Court; Nkwanyana has in the meantime been dismissed from the SAPS.

Kind Regards,

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