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RE: FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR CORRUPT POLICEMEN

The Durban Regional Court sentenced police Constable Siyabonga Dlamini and Sergeant Masawenkosi Mzizi to four years imprisonment each for the corruption they committed in May 2016.

On the day of the incident, the victim, Trevor Ntsentsela had just withdrawn R10 000 from an ATM in the Durban CBD when he was approached by Dlamini and Mzizi. They were dressed in plain clothes as they were off duty. Ntsentsela thought they were robbers so he got into his car and drove to the Durban central police station. They followed him in Mzizi's private vehicle.

Before Ntsentsela could go into the police station, they stopped him, identifying themselves as policemen. They lied to him that they had received a complaint that a vehicle similar to his was involved in a robbery at the same ATM earlier that day.

Further, asked him to pay them R5000 before the complainant of the robbery arrived, and threatened to arrest him if he didn't pay them. To avoid arrest, Ntsentsela paid them R5000 and was allowed to leave. He reported the matter at another police station the following day.

Dlamini and Mzizi were arrested after Ntsentsela positively identified them in a photo album shown to him by the investigation officer in the matter.

During the trial, Regional Court Prosecutor, Herman Mouton led Ntsentsela's evidence as well as that of his wife, who was in the car with him. There was also the evidence of a Metro police officer who had assisted Ntsentsela at the Durban central police station.

Dlamini and Mzizi told the court that Ntsentsela had admitted to the robbery and had agreed to return R5000 as well as the bank card. The court rejected their version and they were sentenced accordingly.

The NPA welcomes the successful prosecution.

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