

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: HOME AFFAIRS OFFICIAL SENTENCED FOR FRAUD & CORRUPTION**

Ntombentle Pako (47) was sentenced to an effective 5 years imprisonment in the Durban Commercial Crime Court last week after being sentenced for fraud and corruption.

The accused, an employee at the Department of Home Affairs in Durban, was contacted by her co-accused from the public sector and had agreed to provide a South African identity document (ID) to a Mozambican national for a fee of R1000.

The foreign national raised the alarm when she discovered that the ID was not in her name. She contacted the police and made an affidavit detailing what had happened. In the affidavit she explained that she felt guilty about obtaining the ID fraudulently and was scared that she might get caught.

The accused and her co-accused were arrested. The latter pleaded guilty to their offences and turned state witnesses. Senior State Advocate, Ashika Lucken led this evidence.

The accused was sentenced to 8 years imprisonment (3 years of which were suspended) for fraud and 3 years imprisonment wholly suspended for the corruption.

The Director of Public Prosecutions in KwaZulu Natal, Advocate Moipone Noko in welcoming the sentence said, "I trust that sentences of this nature will go a long way in eradicating the scourge of corruption."

Kind Regards,

**Natasha Kara**

**Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN**

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