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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: HUSBAND AND WIFE PLEAD GUILTY TO FRAUD AND MONEY  
LAUNDERING**

Last week, the Durban Commercial Crimes Court sentenced Nicolene Shange to six years imprisonment and her husband, Xola Jeffrey Mkhize to three years imprisonment suspended for five years; after they pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering amounting to approximately R385 000.00.

Shange worked as a payroll administrator at a Durban based company and in the commission of the crimes, she replaced the banking details of staff members with her own bank details as well as those of her husband and other family members.

She was caught after her manager noticed that an employee that had left the company was still on the payroll. Closer inspection revealed that the bank account belonged to Shange.

Mkhize was also sentenced to three years correctional supervision after the court found that he played a lesser role in the crime.

This matter was prosecuted by Advanced Regional Court Prosecutor, Reenai Ramouthar.

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