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RE: POLICEMAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

The Wynberg Regional Court sentenced Wallied Adams, a former Athlone police sergeant, to five years imprisonment on 26 June 2015 on a count of extortion. Adams was arrested following a police trap where Adams extorted and was paid R1500 by a Somali refugee in return for his impounded vehicle.

Advocate Razia Valley-Omar of the Cape Town DPP's office argued that direct imprisonment was the only suitable sentence in a matter where a police officer had abused a position of authority and trust. She argued that extortion, a common law offence, is not unlike corruption that is plaguing our country and was a very serious offence. She also argued that the sentence must serve as a deterrent not only to civil servants but society at large. The prison sentence is in line with a series of sentences of effective imprisonment that the local regional courts have imposed on government employees for corruption.

Adams was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for extortion in terms of S 276(1)(i) of Act 51 of 1977.

Kind Regards,

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