

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: LAWYER GRANTED BAIL AFTER APPEARING FOR R6 MILLION ROAD  
ACCIDENT FUND (RAF) THEFT CHARGES**

A 43 year-old attorney from Tzaneen, Maboku Solomon Maponya, was released on R10 000 bail by the Tzaneen Magistrates' Court earlier today.

Maponya was charged with five counts of theft after he was arrested by the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigation's (DPCI), popularly known as the Hawks, Serious Commercial Crime Investigation Unit earlier today.

Maponya, a former practicing attorney based in Tzaneen, was struck off the roll by the Pretoria High Court in 2018 for embezzling money from RAF. The Hawks received a tip-off that the suspect used his trust account to claim money from RAF and didn't pay it over to the beneficiaries, resulting in him personally and unduly benefiting over R6 million.

Maponya was granted bail on condition that he does not interfere with state witnesses.

The matter was postponed to 10 December 2020, in order for the state to disclose the content of the case docket to the legal representative of the accused.

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