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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: Linda Mti's drunken driving case**

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We have noted with concern the manner in which a drunken driving case against Mr Linda Mti came to conclusion yesterday at the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court in Johannesburg.

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) does not take prosecution decisions casually. Where a decision to prosecute is taken, every effort has to be made to ensure that the State is able to present a cogent and meticulously prepared case before court. Where doubt exists regarding the readiness to proceed, legally available options must be explored in order to attend to outstanding challenges to ensure that once cases are finally heard, the State will have satisfied itself that all merit aspects are properly presented before court.

In this instance, the NPA has requested a report from the relevant office detailing how the case was processed. Once the report is received, we will consider our options and make a determination whether conduct of the prosecutor concerned amounted to dereliction of duty for which disciplinary proceedings may be instituted.

The NPA continues to act firmly against those who commit crime. We will certainly not hesitate to act against one of our own where it emerges that their conduct served only to frustrate efforts to fight crime, in all its manifestations.

Kind regards

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