

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: MALAWIAN TRADITIONAL HEALERS SENTENCED FOR FRAUD**

The East London Regional Court sentenced two Malawian traditional healers to fifteen years' imprisonment for fraud and theft. State Prosecutor, Deneshree Naicker ensured the court heard how Zola Brighton Ntloko had been defrauded a total of R1.1 million during the period 2015 to 2017. The accused formed part of a syndicate that preyed on the complainant's ancestor beliefs in a plot to defraud him. The complainant had various encounters with members of the syndicate whereby Andele Ishmail Hussein (accused one) prompted him to believe they could ensure the ancestors blessed him with wealth.

Under the belief that the accused could help him acquire a lot of wealth, the complainant paid various amounts of money to Hussein on assurance that the ancestors would multiply the money. The complainant was led to believe in order to receive a sum of R20 million he had to invest more money for a variety of reasons, ranging from purchasing of cattle and sheep, medicine and money to feed the Tokoloshe to collect the money.

Following a fall out with Hussein, the complainant was then approached by Buyane Jafali Yusuf (accused two), under the alias of Dr Kazulu who alleged that he was sent by the ancestors to contact the complainant. The complainant was again made to pay more money to appease the ancestors to Yusuf. He later sold some of his assets and when he could no longer afford to meet the demands of the ancestors, Yusuf convinced him to resign from his employment at the Department of Correctional Services and collect his pension fund payout.

In August 2016, Yusuf accompanied the complainant to purchase an Isuzu XRaider bakkie and later instructed him to acquire a suitcase and trunk which the complainant was later made to believe stored an amount of 5.8 million and R450 000 respectively. To complete the process to obtain money, the complainant and his wife were required to

participate in rituals performed by Yusuf which included collecting "rainbow water" from Malawi.

Acting in uniform with Yusuf, Hussein then deceived the complainant by posing as the son of the "rainbow water" doctor who would help the complainant get to the "rainbow water" in Malawi. The complainant was persuaded to accompany Hussein to collect the "rainbow water" in Malawi using his new Isuzu Bakkie to obtain two types of medicine. Hussein influenced the complainant to leave his vehicle in Malawi and fly back to South Africa as dictated by the ancestors.

Upon returning to South Africa, the complainant was still required to make payment to the syndicate until he eventually ran out of money. The two accused were sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. The Asset Forfeiture Unit confiscated three motor vehicles in the matter.

The NPA welcomes the sentence.

Kind Regards,

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