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RE: MAN IN COURT FOR ALLEGED R13 MILLION FRAUD

Fifty-two year-old Zamide Nongogo made his first court appearance today at the East London Magistrate's Court for fraud, forgery, uttering and money laundering. He is the fourth accused for an alleged vehicle finance fraud syndicate which operated in East London and Port Elizabeth between 2013 and 2019. It is alleged that during this period the syndicate defrauded banks of approximately R13 million.

Thobani Mabizela, Siyabonga Ngozi and Nqabisile Mhluzana are the first three accused. It is alleged that Nongogo and Mabizela are the kingpins behind the syndicate as they allegedly manufactured and supplied false bank-statements and pay-slips to Ngozi and Mhluzana who in turn allegedly submitted these fraudulent documents to various banks for motor-vehicle finance loans. The loans were approved and vehicles were handed over to them, however, no repayments were made.

Advocate Wayne Jaftha, the prosecutor in the case, stated that the state would oppose bail as the accused was facing numerous counts of fraud and is allegedly a part of a syndicate. He added that Nongogo allegedly committed these offences while he was out on parole. Nongogo remains in custody and his next court appearance will be tomorrow, 14 May 2020. The matter was rolled over to tomorrow in order for the accused to seek a legal representative and to arrange a date for bail application.

Mabizela and Ngozi's next court appearance will be on 23 June 2020. Mhluzana's next court appearance will be on 28 May 2020.

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