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The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) has now approached the Cape High Court to compel the Magistrate who presided on the case of former Premier of Western Cape, Peter Marais, to state the case.

This comes after unsuccessful attempts by the NPA to get the necessary answers from the magistrate.

The NPA is of the view that the magistrate erred and ignored overwhelming evidence when he passed judgement on the matter.

The request by the NPA is not unusual.

Due to the levels of difficulty experienced with the Magistrate who presided over the case in question the NPA finds itself with no option but to invoke Rule 67 of the Magistrate Court Rules.

A similar call was made by the NPA during the Dr Wouter Basson case when the NPA felt that the judge erred during his judgement.

In order to preserve the independency of the judiciary, the NPA has appointed an independent person to lead the case on behalf of the NPA.

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