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RE: MOTHER & DAUGHTER CONVICTED OF MONEY LAUNDERING

Last week, the Durban Commercial Crime Court sentenced Glynis Lorraine Galtrey to 12 years direct imprisonment and her daughter Angie Johannessen to three years imprisonment (wholly suspended for five years) after they pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering earlier this year.

Galtrey worked at Tongaat Hulette Sugar as a payroll manager and was responsible for the payment of salaries and bonuses of the workers. Her position allowed her access to the company's computer system where she could make changes to the information contained in the payroll system without the authorisation of her senior. She thus changed the banking details of employees and replaced them with her own banking details and those of her daughter. She then processed payments of salaries and bonuses meant for employees, which she paid into her and her daughter's bank accounts.

The offences were committed during the period of August 2010 to February 2012, and she defrauded her employer of approximately R1.9 million.

During trial, the court heard that Galtrey had lied to her daughter saying that the monies were for added work she had done. Galtrey even kept the bank cards to the accounts. The court found that Johannessen had played a minimal role as she allowed her mother use of her bank accounts. Johannessen said that she believed her mother's story and did not make any further enquiries.

The court sentenced Galtrey to 10 years imprisonment for fraud and 5 years imprisonment for money laundering. The court ordered that 3 years imprisonment in respect of money laundering run concurrently with the sentence in respect of fraud, resulting in effectively 12 years imprisonment.

Accused 2, Johannessen was sentenced to three years imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years.

Senior state advocate, Abram Letsholo successfully prosecuted this matter.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Kara

Regional Spokesperson: DPP KZN

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