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RE: MUNICIPALITY TRAFFIC OFFICER SENTENCED FOR CORRUPTION

Yesterday, the Mthatha Regional Court sentenced King Sabata Dalindyebo (KSD) Municipality traffic officer, Nomathamsanqa Ndube (58) to pay an effective fine of R5000 or three years imprisonment after she was convicted on two counts of corruption. The main count involved soliciting a bribe of R700 from a motorist while the other count was for soliciting a R100 bribe from the same motorist. On the latter count she was sentenced to pay a fine of R3000 or two years imprisonment, wholly suspended for five years on condition that she is not found guilty of the same offence during that period.

According to evidence presented in court, on 16 February 2013, Ndube, with her colleague and accomplice who has since died during the course of the trial, approached a motorist they accused of having parked illegally. They threatened to impound his vehicle unless he paid them a bribe of R800. The motorist paid them R100 and they took his driver's licence telling him they would only give it back to him once he had paid the remainder. The motorist went to report the matter to the police and a trap was set up. On the following day, the motorist went to pay the outstanding R700 as arranged with the two traffic officers and the police pounced on them while receiving the bribe.

During trial, the traffic officers maintained their innocence claiming that they were going to hand over the money to the KSD municipality revenue office and give the motorist a receipt later but the court was not convinced by their explanation. Regional Court Prosecutor, Sipho Sintwa argued that the traffic officers had all the intent to swindle the motorist and that KSD municipality systems were flawed and prone to abuse by criminal elements. Magistrate Den Ngoqo concurred with the state and sentenced the fraudster.

The NPA welcomes the sentence and believes it is a clear indication that corruption, especially committed by law enforcement officers, can never be tolerated and will be punished for accordingly.

Kind Regards,

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