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RE: NPA DISAPPOINTED AT ALLEGED CORRUPTION BY ONE OF ITS OWN

The National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP), Adv Shamila Batohi is concerned, and views very seriously, the arrest of a prosecutor in the Limpopo Division on Friday 15 May 2020. The prosecutor appeared at the Thohoyandou Magistrates Court on charges of corruption today.

The prosecutor was arrested after he allegedly demanded R6 000 gratification from an accused who was facing reckless and negligence charges, in exchange for the case disappearing.

"It is extremely disturbing that one of our own, who is supposed to be at the forefront of the fight against corruption, a major scourge in our country which is a priority focus area for the NPA, finds himself facing allegations as a perpetrator."

The law will take its course, and the NPA will consider initiating disciplinary proceedings, in line with its regulatory framework.

The NPA upholds the rule of law and demands the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct of all its officials, if we are to be the trusted lawyers for the people. We are on a journey of rebuilding the NPA to an independent, professional, accountable and credible organisation. It is a non-negotiable that the country has absolute confidence in the work of a credible NPA, with prosecutors that inspire public confidence at the coal face of delivering justice to all. As prosecutors, we are required to consistently uphold the values of the Constitution, and adhere to the code of conduct of the prosecutors of the NPA and the UN guidelines on prosecutors.

There is no place for corrupt staff in the NPA.

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