

# Media Statement



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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: NPA SEIZES ASSETS OF TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

In a series of restraint orders, the High Court in Limpopo today has ordered the seizure of assets belonging to former Senior Government officials from the Limpopo Provincial Department of Health and Social Development and close members of her families. This follows an application by the Asset Forfeiture Unit in the province.

Modjadji Betty Khubayi was arrested with her former colleagues, Matanya Gordon Monye, Mojela Vincent Sethowa and Gorataone Gloria Rampa by the SAPS in August 2015 and has been charged with Corruption, Fraud and Money Laundering. There are several separate trials relating to this case pending in the Regional Court sitting in Mankweng against the officials and their family members.

Khubayi was a Senior Administration Officer in the Department. Together with her former colleagues they were all based at the Unit of Finance at the Polokwane Nursing College.

The forensic investigations were conducted during the period between April 2006 and June 2009 at the Nursing College. Based on the factual findings of the forensic investigation, police investigation docket was opened at the Polokwane Police station.

According to the papers filed before the court, these officials were in the course of their employment also appointed as members of the Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC) of the Nursing College. The forensic investigation into the awarding of contracts at the Nursing College revealed a number of irregularities including fraudulent misrepresentations made to the Nursing College and the Department by these officials as well as collusion that led to the awarding of the said contracts.

It is alleged that these officials failed to follow the formal adjudication processes for procurement of goods and/or services as provided for by the Department's Procurement Policy Guidelines, Delegations, Processes and Procedures, Treasury Regulations issued in terms of the Public Management Act 1 of 1999 (PFMA), Section 4.3 of the Public Service Code of Conduct and section 217 (1) of the Constitution.

It is further alleged that they, as members of the Nursing College's Bid Adjudication Committee, fraudulently awarded tenders to companies in which they themselves and/or their close family members had interests and had failed to disclose their interests in those entities.

They were also engaged in cover quoting, fraudulently submitting quotations from other companies with inflated prices so that their own entities could score higher on pricing. As a result of their actions, their companies and those of their close family members and relatives were awarded contracts valued over R12 Million during the period of April 2006 and June 2009.

Kind Regards,

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