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RE: 13 POLICEMEN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD: PIETERMARITZBURG

Thirteen policemen were yesterday sentenced to sentences varying from R60000 fine or 3 years imprisonment of which half was suspended to R3000 or eight months imprisonment of which R1000 or five months was suspended for five years on condition that the accused are not found guilty of fraud again.

The accused; Sthembiso Ndlovu, Mlungisi Ndlovu, Thulani Dlungwana, Madoda Ngubane, Donal Sokhela, Bhekizizwe Hlongwa, Bhekisisa Zondi, Mlungisi Mndaweni, Mzamo Kunene, Isaac Majola, Simpson Zondi, Zamokwakhe Phungula and James Gubese were employed at the Plessislaer police station at the time of the commission of their offences.

They were convicted of lodging fraudulent claims for hospital guard duties. They stated in their claims that they had guarded prisoners who were hospitalised. They left a paper trail of their offences contained in the occurrence book that was produced as documentary evidence in court. The crimes were committed from 2005 and 2006. The total amount of the fraudulent claims is R200 000.

In aggravation of sentence, regional court prosecutor, Sharleen Haggard argued for a harsh sentence so that members of the community and the public at large would not lose faith in the justice system.

The conviction sends a message that NPA prosecutes all offenders without fear, favour or prejudice. It is indeed unfortunate that the accused who were entrusted with the responsibility of law enforcement abused their positions and trust by committing these crimes against the very government they are supposed to serve and protect.

Kind Regards,

Justice in our society, so that people can live in freedom and security

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