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RE: PROSECUTOR'S APPEAL AGAINST BAIL JUDGEMENT DISMISSED

The High Court of South Africa: Eastern Cape Division, Grahamstown, dismissed the appeal of district court prosecutor, Dumisani Knowledge Kumbaca (50) against the East London Magistrates Court's decision on February 2021 to deny him bail.

Kumbaca was arrested on 13 January 2021 in East London following a police sting operation on 11 January 2021. He faces charges of corruption and defeating the ends of justice.

Kumbaca was a prosecutor in two drunken driving matters which occurred during October 2015 and April 2016 involving a 33-year-old man, Mzoxolo Twangu. It is alleged that in November 2016 Twangu met Kumbaca at Ebuhlanti entertainment area in East London. It is alleged that Kumbaca burnt the two dockets and Twangu then paid him R20 000 in return. Subsequently, the two matters were withdrawn because the dockets were missing.

However, police successfully re-constructed one of the two dockets and the case was re-enrolled in November 2020.

Information then emerged about what allegedly happened in November 2016. The police then set up the sting operation where Kumbaca received R5000 from Twangu to quash the charges.

Kumbaca was suspended by the NPA after his arrest.

Meanwhile in another matter, the case of district court prosecutor Anton Koen (50) at the Kirkwood Magistrates Court was postponed to 11 August 2021. It is alleged that Koen

verbally abused his ex-wife and damaged their property. He was then arrested on 16 April 2021.

The NPA is in the process of instituting an internal disciplinary process against Koen.

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