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RE: SANDF RESERVIST SENTENCED FOR FRAUD

On 27 February 2017, the Nelspruit Regional Court sentenced Mathenjwa Petros Ngoma (47) to 6 years direct imprisonment for fraud.

Mathenjwa Petros Ngoma defrauded his employer, SANDF an amount of R 746 000.00 for the period between May 2012 to March 2013 by not removing employees that have resigned from SANDF from Persal, instead, he substituted their banking details with that of himself and his wife. The charges were withdrawn against the wife.

The accused pleaded guilty and told the court that he used the money to buy a specialised medication for his son who suffers from epilepsy. The Control Prosecutor, Derrick Mashego led evidence of a police investigator in aggravation of sentence that the accused used the money to buy a car and build and/ or renovate his house, not for specialised treatment for his son.

During sentencing the, Magistrate Sheila Msibi told court that people are no longer satisfied with what is due to them. The accused has destroyed the level of trust between him and his employer as a Human Resources Personnel. She further told court that there is a country wide outcry for the offence committed which is fraud. Then the magistrates sentenced the accused to 6 years direct imprisonment for fraud.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Advocate Sibongile Mzinyathi welcomes the conviction and sentence.

Kind Regards,

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