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LETTER FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

The year has almost come to an end, and it is a good time to reflect on achievements realised and challenges experienced during the year. It is also a good time to look forward to what we still need to accomplish.

The year 2011 was characterized by a mixture of both achievements and challenges for the NPA, which were shared with you via our various communication tools. We are proud of what we have achieved so far, and we are confident that many more achievements are on the way.

Experience has taught us to remain true to our mandate and constitutional duties regardless of the circumstances, because we have the right attitude and the will to prosecute without fear, favour or prejudice. No challenges are insurmountable for the NPA - instead they make us resilient. Let us therefore become determined to accomplish our organisational goals and contribute towards the eradication of crime in society.

We thank you for the support you have given to Khasho during the year. The only driving force behind the production of Khasho has always been you, our readers. We look forward to the New Year as we continue to bring you articles and news about the NPA and its people.

We are also grateful to those who continued to provide us with articles, comments and inputs in making Khasho a trusted repository of information. We also encourage



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Executive Manager: Communications

Corporate Services to share with us their success stories so as to accomplish the balanced reporting ideals of the organisation.

To those of us who are taking some time off to be with loved ones during this festive season, let's all strive to be exemplary, as members of the justice cluster, by complying with all the traffic regulations of the country. Finally, let us all come back with renewed energy levels to take forward the work of the NPA to soaring new heights in 2012.

Bulelwa Makeke is the Executive Manager: Communications

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A PAARL MAN SENTENCED FOR RAPE AND MURDER

Eric Ntabazalila



ADV PULANE THAITENG

As the murder docket was getting cold after a year of raping and killing his victim, Advocate Pulane Thaiteng successfully prosecuted Xolisa Mendara and he was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

During the early hours of 10 February 2008, young Ntombekhaya Litsoane was chatting with her friends at her home in Mbekweni, Paarl, when she was called by an unknown man. She went to talk to him and never returned. The following morning her semi-naked body was seen by passersby lying in an open field. She had been raped and murdered. The

murder and the rape were so brutal that her private parts were swollen as a result of the use of a blunt object. Her face was smashed, front teeth and jaw also broken after being hit with stones. A post mortem report revealed severe damage to both her brain and skull.

After a year of investigation, police had no lead on the murder and rape case and the case docket was getting cold. Then one day, Xolisa Mendara confessed to his friend that he had raped and killed the 18 year old woman, Ntombekhaya Litsoane. His friend acted like a good citizen and took Mendara to the police station.

On 19 March 2009, blood samples were taken from Mendara. A qualified forensic analyst performed DNA tests and examinations on the samples removed from Litsoane's corpse and the blood samples from Mendara. Mendara was linked to the rape and murder by the DNA results.

Having been linked to the murder, Mendara pretended to be insane. He refused to plead, to testify and denied his previous confession. The court ordered that he be removed from Pollsmoor Prison and be sent to Valkenberg Hospital for mental illness. Psychiatrists and clinical psychologists observed him and came to the conclusion that he was fit to stand trial and he was able to appreciate the wrongfulness of his crime.

The court found him guilty as charged and sentenced him to 25 years imprisonment.

COMMENT BY ADV PULANE THAITENG

The trial was delayed for nearly a year as the accused displayed signs of insanity. He was however diagnosed fit to stand trial. The accused maintained an arrogant smile throughout the trial. He refused to plead, testify and denied his previous confession. The court requested a social worker report and testimony. It was evident that the accused had used drugs, namely marijuana, tik and mandrax. It turned out that his mother abandoned him as a child and he was brought up by family members. He left school in Grade 10. His foster father chased him out of his home when he started to get violent with him. For a few years he was living with friends. It was only during the trial that he learnt of his mother's death and none of his family members came to court to support him. The court found him guilty as charged but took cognisance of his circumstances and sentenced him to only 25 years imprisonment.

Eric Ntabazalila is the Regional Communications Manager for DPP: Western Cape

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT TAKES TIME TO SENSITISE VICTIMS ABOUT HIV AND AIDS

Medupe Simasiku



Advocate Tshegofatso Kelly Keikabile: Prosecutor
– Domestic Violence

In the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court (Court No. 30, the court dealing with all domestic violence cases) the Prosecutor, Advocate Tshegofatso Kelly Keikabile, decided to take some time off her court time to educate the same victims she represents daily on domestic violence matters, on issues that seem to crop up every time she deals with such cases. That is none other than HIV and AIDS infections. The session was held in the same court.

the guidance of Sister Thelma Thulo and her colleagues (Sisters Palesa Ncamane, Busisiwe Yekelle and Dieketseng Khaile) also went on to do other screenings such as diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure and of course HIV.

"Violence against women and children have amplified the hazard of HIV/AIDS in our society. These hazards include families being separated, and children and young people losing parents so

With or without domestic violence and sexual offences cases in court, the victims know that there is something else which they cannot see with their eyes but which is also a serious threat, which is even more far reaching than the domestic squabbles that bring them to court regularly. They are aware that HIV/AIDS could destroy the family they cherish so much, let alone the community.

These victims of crime attended the short presentations which extended to voluntary counselling and testing (VCT).

Advocate Keikabile led the way by being the first to take the test, saying he hopes to encourage the victims. They also need knowledge of how to protect themselves against this pandemic. To make the day more constructive, the Mangaung Health Centre team, under

they have nobody to care for them and tell them how to behave", said Adv. Keikabile. "Because people do not have information about HIV/AIDS, they put themselves at risk" added Sister Thulo. She went on to say that people should rather test whilst still active and normal so that they should get timely treatment should the tests be positive.

"Detecting some of the diseases in time through testing gives one the advantage of being treated more easily with less costs because it is always difficult to treat a disease which has advanced to a serious stage", said Sister Thulo. She went on to tell the audience that HIV/AIDS has no cure. She believes that the only way to reduce the spread of the disease is to raise awareness so that people can protect themselves. "I am part of the community. It is my duty to send out messages about HIV/AIDS to my community. This disease has already taken too many lives and with you there, we shall win," Sister Thulo concluded.



SUCCESSSES: AFU CAPE TOWN REGIONAL OFFICE

Rudolph Masternbroeke



Mr Willie Hofmeyer: Head AFU

The Cape Town regional office of the Asset Forfeiture Unit is one of five regional offices in the country. Despite numerous challenges over the last year, specifically relating to staff movement and appointments, the office has had a number of significant successes of which it is very proud.

On the training front, there has been a number of training sessions for prosecutors to familiarise them with asset forfeiture law and as a consequence there has been a significant increase in referrals as well as a significant number of confiscation orders obtained. During the course of the year, a total of 15 confiscation orders were obtained to the value of R1 943 322.50.

Important judgments obtained during 2011 are as follows:

Falk and Another v NDPP [2011] ZACC 26 CCT 95-10 where the Constitutional Court dealt with the interaction between the Prevention of Organised Crime Act (POCA) and the International Co-operation in Criminal Matters Act (ICCMA), as they relate to

registered foreign restraint orders. Though foreign restraint orders are registered in South Africa in terms of ICCMA, the provisions of POCA may be used to broaden the ambit of the foreign restraint orders.

NDPP v Gardener 2011 (1) SACR 612 SCA, where the SCA confirmed that confiscation and sentencing are separate proceedings and a court must not take into account the sentence it had imposed in considering whether to grant a confiscation order. This judgment also deals authoritatively with the issue of calculation of a benefit.

NDPP v Van der Merwe 2011 (2) SACR 188 WCC, where for the first time, a full bench of the high court dealt with the incidence of onus pertaining to the so-called innocent owner defence in forfeiture proceedings confirmed that applicants who apply to have their interest in property excluded in terms of section 52 of POCA bear the onus to satisfy the court that the requirements of section 52 are satisfied.

STATE V CHANE VAN HEERDEN AND MAARTENS VAN DER MERWE: THE WELKOM CULT MURDER

Medupe Simasiku



Adv. Johannes De Nysschen

Chane Van Heerden and Maartens Van der Merwe were charged with murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances and mutilation of a corpse committed on the night of 2 April 2011 at the Welkom cemetery.

The facts are: the accused met during 2010 and were in a “love” relationship from the beginning of 2011. They experimented to a great extent with practices related to the dark side of human nature, for example, occultism and satanism. During this period and up to the time of the murder they indulged in a number of rituals including the killing, skinning and crucifixion of cats in an attempt to satisfy their need to kill and “skin” and to live out their fantasies. When these “needs” could not be satisfied anymore, they decided to upgrade to a human sacrifice.

Van Heerden met the deceased in a chat room, called 2go, and befriended him.

On the night of the murder she lured him to the cemetery where Van der Merwe started stabbing the deceased with a hunting knife. Van Heerden joined in with a butcher’s knife when Van der Merwe struggled to finish the killing. They stabbed the deceased 33 times. They then dragged his body some 170 metres to a more secluded spot where Van Heerden started dismembering the body, assisted by Van der Merwe. They decapitated the body and also removed the legs, and right arm. They took the severed head, right arm and left foot with them to their flat and buried what was left of the corpse in a shallow grave. The following day Van Heerden “skinned” the head and put the face, together with the eyes and ears in their freezer.

After intensive investigation by the police the accused were arrested on 5 April 2011. They both admitted the acts and conveyed graphic and gruesome details of their actions to everyone prepared to

listen. In the High Court there was a separation of trials because Van Heerden elected to plead guilty whereas Van der Merwe applied for a postponement for further psychiatric evaluation.

“Van Heerden was found guilty on all charges and I realized that if she got the mandatory life imprisonment she would probably be released after 25 years which would make her a relative young 46 years old” said Advocate De Nysschen.

The prosecution had to obtain the evidence of expert witnesses to prove to the Court that Van Heerden was a dangerous criminal who would, in all probability, kill again and that this murder was only the first of a series. They were Prof Dap Louw (a clinical psychologist and criminologist), Dr Labuschagne (a forensic psychologist and police expert on serial killings) and Prof Vorster (a psychiatrist, forensic expert and lecturer at Wits). Dr Jonker, an expert on satanism and related matters also testified, but this article does not allow a detail discussion thereon.

COMMENTARY BY ADV DE NYSSCHEN

All the experts were ad idem that van Heerden is a dangerous criminal (commonly known as a psychopath) from whom the community needed more than normal protection. This murder had a profound impact on the community and people lived in fear. I therefore asked the Court for a sentence in terms of section 286A of the CPA, which entails imprisonment for an indefinite period.

The Court made an order that she must be brought before a High Court after 20 years to enable the Court to re-assess the accused where after the sentence would in all probability be re-affirmed. This is to ensure that Correctional Services cannot release the accused at any stage without an order by the High Court. I wish to convey my sincere gratitude to the expert witnesses and especially the police investigating team, who did a sterling job in solving and investigating this gruesome murder.

JUDGE LEGODI VISITS THE NPA

Tebogo Seate



Judge Legodi (centre) with Adv Patricia Dipuo Makrofi (right) and Adv Rufus Kwaile Malatji

On 17 November 2011, the Legal Affairs division of the NPA invited Judge Frans Legodi to share critical information about how prosecutors are viewed by the judiciary. Judge Legodi is currently serving as a Judge in the Pretoria High Court, and has also been appointed by the President to the Commission of Enquiry into the arms deal.

Judge Legodi acknowledged that the courts and prosecutors complement one another in the fight against crime. He said, "Prosecutors have a role to play in society and that will never be taken away from them because it is entrenched in the Constitution. Prosecutors exist because crime will never stop; police will never stop investigating crime and members of society will never stop reporting crime." Judicial officers, on the other hand, are there to make decisions on matters presented to them in the courts by prosecutors, and these decisions must be just and impartial. He said prosecutors have a critical role to play in assisting judicial officers and the courts in general in making such decisions.

He urged prosecutors to continue doing their jobs fearlessly and without favour or prejudice, because members of society will only continue reporting crime if they have confidence that prosecutors will continue prosecuting successfully.

Judge Legodi said judges are very impressed by prosecutors who do thorough

preparations and research before a matter is presented in court. He said although prosecutors in general were doing excellent work, bad apples still existed in the NPA which spoiled all the good ones.

He said, "Lack of preparation by prosecutors brings the NPA into disrepute. Prosecutors made a promise to serve the nation. If they fail to do this, not only do they fail themselves but the whole nation as well. Every day when I wake up, I look forward to the day because I have made a promise to serve the nation. I therefore urge all prosecutors to have the same attitude".

At the end of his presentation, prosecutors were also given the opportunity to ask questions. Below are highlights of the Q&A session:

Why are foreigners easily granted bail by the high courts?

Every matter is decided on its facts. Judges are guided by what is presented to them by both prosecutors and the defence. I'm therefore hesitant to say that this is a general trend in our courts.

How easy is it for a judge to remain impartial, fearless and independent?

It is easy – and the only way to assess that is by looking at his/her judgment. At the end of the day, judges remain accountable and answerable to the people they serve. My attitude is that we learn from one another on a daily basis.

How many times can a judgment be reserved and for how long?

It is part of a work ethic to ensure that a reserved judgment is delivered as quickly as possible. It is the delay in the delivery of judgment that brings down the judiciary.

What happens when a judge has a tendency to reserve judgments?

It is considered gross misconduct. It is generally not a good practice, but different judges have different reasons for doing so. However, what society expects is for judgments to be delivered as expeditiously as possible.

Language barriers are still a problem in our courts. What is being done to address this?

Language is indeed still a problem because of the demographics of this country – but no one should be excluded from court proceedings because of language.

Do judges consult one another?

Yes, they always consult one another for advice, especially on matters that are difficult to decide.

What is your view on restorative justice?

It is important to involve victims of crime before sentencing. It is high time we give it a serious thought; but it has to be initiated by prosecutors.



NPA EXPANDS ITS ASPIRANT PROSECUTORS PROGRAMME

Sibongile Mogale

In the previous years, only 150 aspirant prosecutors were enrolled into the Aspirant Prosecutors Programme.

In response to the government's call to address the issue of unemployed graduates, the intake of Aspirant Prosecutors has been increased to 310 for the 2011/2012 financial year.

This is the first time that so many Aspirant Prosecutors have been taken in a year.

- 150 Aspirant Prosecutors were enrolled in February 2011;
- 110 Aspirant Prosecutors were enrolled in September 2011; and
- 200 Aspirant Prosecutors to be enrolled in February 2012.

In terms of utilisation of resources and facilities, all nine DPP offices were used for classroom training in the first 6 weeks. After completing classroom training, the Aspirant Prosecutors are then deployed to the respective DPP offices to undergo practical courtroom training.

Regarding courtroom training, the Chief Prosecutors will appoint mentors, including tutors, in their cluster to act as supervisors for the Aspirant Prosecutors. The following will be some of their duties:

- assist with the court training;

- ensure their receipt of required training resources; and
- monitor their performance and progress.

Ten Aspirant Prosecutors get to be deployed in each division except for the North and South Gauteng divisions where the number goes to 20 Aspirant Prosecutors each as they are the largest divisions in the country.

Khasho spoke to Adv Daphney Rangaka about this programme and this is what she had to say:

Your job sounds a bit challenging. How do you manage, especially with the sudden increase of the intake?

It has been easy to manage because each division has a tutor to oversee the performances and the development of the Aspirant Prosecutors. It's not too difficult as myself and three Senior Prosecutors who are members of the Skills Development Division oversee the implementation of the programme and tutors are there to ensure that the Aspirant Prosecutors receive the necessary training. In short, one can say that our role at Head Office is to coordinate the programme and tutors are there to perform the ground work. To be honest, it is not challenging at all but interesting.

Didn't you experience any problems with the selection process given the fact that the numbers of the intake has increased?

Not at all. The selection process went very smoothly as there are more than enough unemployed law graduates. We were even not able to accommodate some of them as we are restricted by our organisational needs. In total the number of candidates who met the requirements of the advert were 2924 and 1653 wrote the entry examination which is used as a tool to pre-screen applicants. 1382 candidates obtained a pass mark and only 310 were selected to be enrolled into the programme. This figure does not even represent 50% of the total number of candidates who passed the entry examination.

We are very grateful for the support we received from the DPPs especially for availing their offices as training rooms for the Aspirant Prosecutors as well as by allowing their resources and facilities to be used during the class room training.

Allow me also to extend my gratitude to the Control Prosecutors and Senior Prosecutors who will be receiving the Aspirant Prosecutors in areas where there are no tutors to ensure that these Aspirant Prosecutors receive the required practical prosecutorial training.

Sibongile Mogale is the Assistant Director: Communications

NORTHERN CAPE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RAPING TWO MINORS

Phaladi Shuping

A 33 year old man from Delportshoop in the Northern Cape pleaded guilty to the rape of two minors in the Northern Cape High Court.

In his plea that was presented in court before Judge Cecile Williams, Kleinjan Louw admitted that he raped a mentally disabled 10 year old girl on 15 July last year. He further admitted that he knew the girl was mentally disabled.

In a statement read by his lawyer, the accused stated that on the day of the incident he requested the girl to accompany him to the veld to collect wood. While gathering wood, he stripped off the girl's clothes and instructed her to lie on the ground and raped her.

During the second incident which occurred on 1 September last year, the accused said that he called the 12 year old boy when he spotted him walking in the veld.

He stated that he played with the boy and they chased after each other. The boy requested to relieve himself and when he finished, the accused instructed him not to put his pants back on. He made the boy bend over and penetrated him while he held him with one hand. The boy yelled in pain and managed to run away.

For his evil deeds, Judge Williams convicted the accused on two counts of rape. The accused was sentenced to 20



years imprisonment for the rape of the girl and 25 years for the rape of the boy. The Judge, however, ordered that both sentences run concurrently resulting in an effective sentence of 25 years imprisonment.

Arguing in aggravation of sentence, State Prosecutor, Nonkululeko Serepo stated that the accused is a menace to society and the court has a duty to ensure that rapists are removed from society.

The Judge also ordered that the accused be named on the national register of sexual offenders and instructed that he be prohibited from working with children or the disabled in the future.

“Rape is a mental torment that destroys all self-respect. The court has a duty to protect children in society and demonstrate that it will not tolerate crimes of this nature,” said Serepo.

COMMENTARY BY PROSECUTOR SEREPO

Dealing with the children as witnesses was quite challenging due to their developmental stage. It took patience and understanding to make them to understand what was exactly expected of them and also to get to open up during consultation.

The highlight of this case was when the sentence was imposed on the accused. Even though he did not get a life sentence, I am of the view that justice was done. It is fulfilling to know that at least one child molester has been rooted out of the community. The communities also disapprove of these kinds of crimes and their disapproval should be reflected in appropriate sentences that are meted out to the accused.

In this case, I learnt that the involvement of the community in fighting crime is crucial. Had it not been for the vigilance of the neighbour of one of the victims, this crime would most likely have gone undetected. This shows that teamwork between the community and the law enforcement agencies is vital in the fight against crime.

Phaladi Shuping is the Regional Communications Manager for DPP: Northern Cape



2011– AN EVENTFUL YEAR AT THE NPA



1. CSI Cape Town



3. Labour Relations Workshop



2. DPP South Gauteng Year End Party



4. Legal Services Division



5. Mthatha Roadshow



6. NDPP Public Lecture

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7. NPA at the Randshow 2011



8. NPA Choir during Anti-Corruption Day with the SAPS Brass Band



9. NPA Choir Members during Spring Day



10. DPP North Gauteng Youth Day Roadshow



11. Sexual Offences Indaba



12. VGM Heritage Day 2011



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13. Karen Van Rensburg, VGM



14. DPP South Gauteng Sports Day



VGM Heritage Day 2011



VGM Heritage Day 2011

THE YEAR AT THE NPA

1. NPA employees from various regions have shown that the NPA also cares for the needy and less fortunate communities. This picture was taken in Cape Town where staff collected clothing and food parcels for needy children from the surrounding area.
2. The DPP South Gauteng held a stylish year-end function in the Vaal on 18 November 2011, to thank employees and their families for their support during the year. In the picture are some of the members of the Committee that organised that successful event, except the young girl of course!
3. The Labour Relations team organised a workshop for managers and supervisors in the NPA on how to effectively manage labour relations in the workplace and instil a culture of discipline. In the picture are from left to right: Mr Randall van Voore, Director at Bowman Gilfillan Attorneys in Cape Town; Ms Benita Whitcher, Lecturer at the University of KwaZulu Natal; Mr Ronnie Pather, Senior Manager Labour Relations and Ms Matshidiso Modise, Executive Manager, Human Resource Management & Development.
4. Some of the team members of the Legal Services Division, which is headed by Adv Nomvula Mokhatla. Adv Mokhatla was appointed as Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions in December 2010.
5. Inmates at the Mthatha Correctional Services Centre who entertained the audience during the NPA's Community Roadshow that was held in Mthatha on 14 October 2011, in the Eastern Cape. The purpose of that roadshow, which was organised in conjunction with members of the JCPS cluster, was to encourage community members to desist from taking law into their own hands and to co-operate with law enforcement agencies.
6. On 20 April 2011, the National Director of Public Prosecutions, Adv Menzi Simelane, took part in a panel discussion which was organised by the University of Cape Town (UCT) Black Law Students' Forum. In the picture is the NDPP with some of the organisers of the panel discussion.
7. As part of our strategy to increase our visibility and educate the public about our role, the NPA participated in the Rand Show, which took place at Nasrec, Johannesburg, from 22 April to 2 May 2011.
8. Once again the NPA joined the rest of the world in recognising the International Anti-Corruption Day on Friday, 9 December 2011. The International Anti-Corruption Day is a United Nations initiative which is celebrated annually on 9 December all over the world. The purpose of this day is to raise public awareness of corruption and what people can do to fight it. The NPA used the opportunity to raise awareness amongst its employees about how fraud and corruption impacts on service delivery. Various regions also hosted their own events. The VGM event was a great success, very informative and entertaining. In the picture, the VGM-based NPA Choir did a stunning performance alongside the SAPS Brass Band.
9. The NPA Choir that provided sweet melodies during the NPA's spring day celebrations at the VGM.
10. DPP North Gauteng, under Chief Prosecutor Adv Matric Liphondo, held a successful event for young people on Youth Day, 16 June 2011, which was held in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria. The purposed of that event was to encourage young people in the township to stay away from crime, especially drugs.
11. Some of the delegates who attended the NPA's 4th Sexual Offences Indaba.
12. NPA staff looking colourful in their cultural attire on Heritage Day 2011.
13. Acting CEO, Karen Van Rensburg giving a speech on World Aids Day at VGM.
14. DPP South Gauteng Sports Day

PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY, SERVICE EXCELLENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND CREDIBILITY

RECOGNITION FOR THOSE THAT GO BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Medupe Simasiku

Each year, the three clusters in the DPP Free State have recognised their best performers in different categories. This year was different in that all units in the region were covered under one event. The awards, which were held recently in Bloemfontein, recognised individuals who went beyond their call of duty to support the mandate of the NPA in its fight against crimes of all forms. Categories of awards are in prosecutions (all levels), investigations and corporate services.

The categories covered best performing prosecutors (various courts), best one man stations, best commercial crime prosecutions, best investigations and many more. This year, one of the highlights was an individual award to the visually challenged (completely blind) Mr. Artley Thanyane (Head Control Prosecutor). Despite his challenge, he scooped an award for the best one man station in the Bloemfontein Cluster beating off fellow colleagues in the same rank living without any disability. Everyone attending the awards ceremony was both impressed and inspired by the work of these individuals.

Advocate Xolisile Khanyile (DPP Free State) in her absence thanked Adv du Toit for unconditionally leading the province for years when it did not have a DPP. That did not stop him and his team from leading the rest of the DPP offices when it comes to the performance of regions. "This has been a challenging year with a number of ongoing changes in the NPA. We have embraced the changes, maintained the balance and accomplished what couldn't be achieved by other divisions. I hope we will make headway by the end of the financial year and get back to first position", said Advocate Khanyile.

The Acting CEO, Advocate Karen van Rensburg said, "Let us make sure that we collectively engage well in service delivery so that we are able to stand proud at the end of the day.

What's clear, however, is that the NPA in the Free State is continuing to consistently and visibly impact on public lives on a daily basis and that is a PLUS



From Left to Right: Senior Public Prosecutors (Welkom) - Ben Molutsi, Aneli van Tonder, Reggie Maphumulo, Joanie Redelinghuys, Annah Mokgoetsi (Tutor), Navilla Somaru (Chief Prosecutor - Welkom) and Lemmer Ludwick (Corporate Manager – Bloemfontein). This was a surprise recognition from the Welkom Team to their Chief, Adv. Navilla Somaru.



Left to right: - Mr Artley Thanyane (Head Control Prosecutor) with his assistant, Mr. Tebogo Mothupi



Mr. Sello Matlhoko (Chief Prosecutor) handing the award to Ms. Sukie Potgieter (Head Control Prosecutor – Reitz)

that cannot be seen as a small effort, but a huge responsibility well carried."

Medupe Simasiku is the Regional Communications Manager for DPP: Free State

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AWARENESS: BETH SHAN

Basetsana Motlhamme



16 Days of Activism was also held in various parts of the country

Beth Shan (house of quietness) is an integral part of the Salvation Army. It is a shelter for women and their children who have experienced stormy and very traumatic situations. It is now the Beth Shan's culture to invite interested stakeholders, including the NPA's Gauteng Trafficking In Persons Task Team, to take part in educating the public about all forms of women



and children abuse, human trafficking, cancer and HIV during the 16 Days of Activism. Beth Shan commemorates the 16 days each year at the Church Square in Pretoria by holding

informal communication/talks with the public. Church Square attracts huge numbers of passers-by across all ages.

know why those two women were for sale and how they agreed to be sold. That's when their attention was caught and then they were educated about the 16 Days Of Activism. They also urged the public to sign the petition to fight the abuse of women and children and human trafficking at large. The petition was later submitted to the Department of Social Development.



INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY

Sibongile Mogale and Basetsana Motlhamme

“Corruption delays service delivery”. These were the opening remarks of Mr Marnus Steyn, the programme director for the International Anti-Corruption Day which was commemorated at the VGM Building on 09 December 2011.

09 December is designated as the International Anti-Corruption Day. This started on 31 October 2003, when the General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

This is a day dedicated to raising awareness of corruption and the role of the public in combating and preventing it. The Convention entered into force in December 2005.

The event was opened by Mr George Maphuthuma with a prayer and script reading. The Acting CEO, Adv Karen van Rensburg opened the event by telling the attendees that it was sad that there had to be a special day to remind everyone not to do corruption.

She said such a day was really important for the NPA as prosecutors have a great deal of power which can be abused.

She raised her concerns with regard to the number of people who have been arrested for corruption, some of which were members of the JCPS Cluster, including the NPA.



Prof Deon Rossouw from SA Ethics
Institutue

The NPA established the Integrity Management Unit (IMU) in 2002 to help fight corruption. “We should regard ourselves as lucky to have such a unit as very few departments have it. In fact, many government departments have approached the NPA to assist in establishing a unit such as the IMU”, she continued.

She said the NPA, through the IMU, has established tools that it uses to fight corruption, namely the NPA Values, the Whistle Blowing Policy and a Hotline.

In her conclusion, Adv Van Rensburg said she was proud to announce that the NPA scored 84% in terms of the audit.

Adding to what the Acting CEO said, Mr Paul Modiba of the Special Investigating

Unit (SIU), told the attendees that according to his experience, most corruption occurs in the Procurement unit.

“Corruption is about temptation, which means going in the wrong direction.”

This is what Prof Deon Rossouw, from the SA Ethics Institute told the attendees. “In terms of the corruption survey, South Africa

is rated no. 64, beaten by Kenya”, he said.

Prof Rossouw advised that in order to beat this monster called ‘corruption’ there are two things that need to be fixed: the organisations and individuals.

Lina and Mpho Kweng are living proof that corruption does not pay. As ex-convicts, they both gave motivational talks emphasising on how hard life was in jail. They pleaded with the audience not to give in to temptations that might surface in their line of duty.

Ms Bulelwa Makeke, the Acting Executive Manager: IMU closed the event by thanking the NPA management, the speakers and the IMU team for making the event a great success.

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