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Media Statement

Impersonation of the Deputy Chief Justice M M L Maya, the Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa

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It has come to the attention of the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) that there is an individual impersonating the Deputy Chief Justice M M L Maya, Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa.

According to the information available to the OCJ, the individual sent a WhatsApp message to an OCJ official requesting contact numbers of Judges. The mobile number from which the message came is 072 324 9318 and is registered on the WhatsApp application as belonging to 'Chief Justice MM Maya'.

The public is warned not to fall prey to this impersonator and need to be aware that impersonating a Judicial Officer is a criminal offence. The matter has already been reported to the South African Police Service.

Members of the public and media are requested to contact the OCJ to verify the authenticity of any communication, directive, article, or social media post that purports to be that of a Judge.

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