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Media Statement - Individual impersonating an official of the OCJ

Note: Please attribute this statement solely to the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) as Government Department and not the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa or the Judiciary.

It has been brought to the attention of the OCJ that there is an individual impersonating the Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice. The impersonator has contacted a senior official in government, using the WhatsApp messenger, attempting to get contact/cell phone number(s) of a certain person.

The impersonator fraudulently uses the Emblem of the OCJ on their profile picture, and refers to themselves as "Mr Raymond Manzini the PA of the Chief Justice". The cellphone number used by the impersonator is +27 73 266 9346.

The public is hereby warned not to fall prey to these impersonators and need to be aware that impersonation is a criminal offence.

Members of the public and media are requested to contact the OCJ by email, at enquiries@judiciary.org.za, to verify the authenticity of any communication, directive, article, or social media post that purports to originate from the OCJ or the Judiciary.

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