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Media Statement – Impersonation of Acting Constitutional Court Justice T Ngcukaitobi

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 come to the attention of the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) that there is an individual impersonating Acting Constitutional Court Justice Tembeka Ngcukaitobi.

According to the information available to the OCJ, the individual/s sent WhatsApp messages purporting to be from Acting Justice Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, using a profile picture of his likeness. The mobile number from which the message came is 079 139 2620 and is registered on WhatsApp as belonging to 'Justice T Ngcukaitobi.'

The public is warned not to fall prey to this impersonator and need to be aware that misrepresenting a state of affairs knowing that it is not true; to the prejudice of someone else is fraud. The matter will be reported to the relevant authorities for further handling.

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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