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Media Statement – Impersonation of Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Appeal, Justice D H Zondi

***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 Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Appeal, Justice D H Zondi.

According to the information available to the OCJ, the individual/s sent WhatsApp messages purporting to be from Justice Dumisani Zondi; using a profile picture of his likeness. The mobile number from which the message came is 076 208 2834 and is registered on WhatsApp as belonging to 'Justice Dumisani Zondi'.

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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