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Media Statement - Individual impersonating Justice M Madlanga

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 Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) that an individual impersonating Constitutional Court Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, has contacted individuals and entities using the name of the Justice.

The impersonator is said to extort money from unsuspecting individuals, intimidate private individuals, public officials, public office bearers and entities, including organs of state, for a variety of reasons, including attempting to access personal information of certain individuals. He does all this purporting to be Justice Madlanga.

The OCJ warns the public not to fall prey to this impersonator and is grateful to its stakeholders for bringing these illegal activities to its attention.

Impersonating a Judicial Officer is a criminal offence. The matter has been handed over to the South African Police Service (SAPS) 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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