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## **Media Statement - Individual impersonating Judge Makaula**

**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 Judge Mandela Makaula of the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court, Gqeberha Local Division.

The impersonator has contacted several individuals asking them for money.

The cellphone number used by the impersonator is +27 78 489 3250.

The public is hereby warned not to fall prey to this impersonator 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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