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OTJIWARONGO MUNICIPALITY EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR CORRUPTION

An employee of the Otjiwarongo Municipality Adelma Seibes was on 06 May 2021 found guilty of corruption and sentenced to a three-year jail term.

Seibes sentence includes a two-year suspended prison on the condition that the accused is not convicted of the same offence, which is corruption or any other offence with an element of dishonesty during the period of suspension.

Seibes, a Senior Administrative Officer was convicted for presenting a false Deed of Sale Agreement to qualify for the purchase of a plot, worth N\$234 236.30 within the Otjiwarongo municipal land. Seibes was arrested on 01 July 2019 and has been out on bail.

In addition to Seibes, four other people were also convicted of corruption during March 2020 and May 2021 in various corruption cases.

This includes Sakeus Taapopi Shikongo, a former Unionist who was found guilty of corruptly using his office for gratification. The 33 years old Shikongo, was sentenced to a fine of N\$20,000.00 (twenty thousand Namibian dollars) of which N\$5,000.00 (five thousand Namibian dollars) have been suspended for 3 (three) years or imprisonment for twenty-four (24) months, of which eight (8) months have been suspended for three (3) years on condition that the accused is not convicted of the same offence, which is corruption or any other offence as defined in the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No.8 of 2003) during the period of suspension.

Shikongo, was arrested on 09 July 2019 after he received a bribe of N\$ 2500 from the Managing Director of Hickory Creek Spur in Swakopmund, in exchange to persuade the workers of that

company to accept the 3% increase per hour, which the company agreed to implement against the 9% to 12% that the workers demanded. Shikongo has since been out on bail of N\$3500.00.

Another one of those who was found guilty in the past fifteen months was Jason Iiyambo. Iiyambo was charged for bribing an ACC official. Iiyambo was handed an eighteen (18) months jail term in November 2020, of which nine (9) months have been suspended for five years. While, a Head Master / School Principal in Swakopmund, has been convicted of corruption charges linked to misappropriation of school funds and was handed a thirty-six (36) months suspended jail term on condition that she pay back the funds to the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. Lastly, Jafet Garoeb, a member of the public was also convicted in August 2020 and was sentenced to two years in prison or N\$6000.00 fine.

The Anti-Corruption Commission thanks all those who actively takes part in the fight against corruption. It is incumbent upon every individual to *be part of the fight* and report suspected acts of corruption to the Commission for the perpetrators to face the law. To report corruption, visit any of our offices in Windhoek, Otjiwarongo, Oshakati, and Swakopmund or call 0800 222 888 or send an email at anticorruption@accnamibia.org.

Reporting suspected acts of corruption is one step closer to removing the presence of this evil in our society. The Commission continues to investigate all cases of corruption registered, without fear or favour. "We are again making it clear that we have absolutely no tolerance whatsoever for corruption of any kind in Namibia."

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