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THE ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION WARNS THOSE IMPERSONATING ACC OFFICIALS

The attention of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has been drawn to the brazen impersonation of Officials of the Commission by unknown person(s).

On several occasions, impersonators via the Short Message Services (SMSes) send this text message to random people claiming to be officials of the Commission. *"I am calling But No Response Thanks from Detective Chief Inspector Mali from ACC Commissioner the Secound head,"*. The scammers further send the victim(s) full name and ask them to confirm their identity. As for some people, the scammers ask the victim(s) to provide cell phone numbers of other individuals.

These text messages are fraudulent which intent to mislead another into believing that the impersonator is actually an Officer of the Anti-Corruption Commission. Therefore, those sending these text messages are scammers and are not legitimate employees of the Commission. The Commission wishes it to be known that such is not the operation of the Commission, particularly its investigators. The Commission's officials will always positively identify themselves as per the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No.8 of 2003) when executing their mandate.

The Commission rigorously condemn this action and wish to caution the public that, Impersonating an Officer of the Anti-Corruption Commission, is contrary to section 29 (1) (g) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 and is a punishable offence. Any person(s) engaged, or intending to engage, in the impersonating of ACC staff / officer are further warned to desist forthwith, or face the full penalty of the law.

Meanwhile, members of the Public are therefore advised that whenever they receives text messages from any individual claiming to be working for the Commission, to always contact the Commission or visit the our nearest Office to confirm the official's identity.

The ACC wishes to further assure the Namibian people and stakeholders of its relentless commitment to fight against corruption.

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