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AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER APPEARED IN COURT ON SEVERAL CORRUPTION-RELATED CHARGES

Mr. Beaven Chendjekwa Mafale, an Immigration Officer stationed at Katima Mulilo (Wenela) Border Post has been detained for several corruption-related charges. Mafale is accused of contravening Section 43 (1) and alternative section 35 (1) & (3) of Anti- Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No. 8 of 2003) as well as Section 56 (a) (c) (d) (g) of the Immigration Control Act, 1993 (Act No. 7 of 1993).

It is alleged that the Mafale stamped the passports of five (5) Zimbabwean nationals who were in transit to Angola in exchange for R2500.00 (N\$2500.00).

Furthermore, it is alleged that the five (5) Zimbabweans failed to present themselves to an Immigration Officer as required in terms of the Immigration Control Act, 1993.

While in custody, another complaints was launched against Mafale, accusing him of having stamped another foreign national's passport without their presentation to the Immigration officer.

The suspect was first arrested on Thursday, 16 March 2023 and appeared before Katima Mulilo Magistrate court on Friday, 17 March 2023. On Wednesday 22 March 2023, he again returned to Court for the second case. He was denied bail and both of his cases have been remanded to 11 May 2023 for further investigation.

It has been noted that the suspect, was previously charged in 2017 with the Contravention of similar sections of the Anti- Corruption Act, 2008 and he was free on bail at the time.

ACC urges public servants to put the national interests above their personal interest. Instead of engaging in corrupt behaviour, they must stop and report corrupt persons to the law enforcement agencies. Those

appointed or employed in positions of trust must commit to performing their duties diligently and ethically and uphold a high level of integrity at all times.

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