

## FORMER RSL EMPLOYEE APPEARS BEFORE THE COURT ON CHARGES OF MONEY LAUNDERING.

**Botha Bothe – 4 July 2023** – Former employee of the Revenue Services Lesotho (RSL), Mr. Ngaka Leteba appeared before the Botha Bothe Magistrate Court on Tuesday,  $4^{\text{th}}$  July 2023 to face four charges relating to the crime of contravention of the provisions of section 25(1) (a) and (i) of the Money Laundering Act 2008 read with section 25 (4) of the Money Laundering Act 2008 as Amended by Act No.7 of 2016. In the alternative counts, Mr. Leteba is also alleged to have contravened the provisions of section 57(2)(a) of the Penal Code Act No.6 of 2010.

The accused is alleged to have stolen money amounting to M 39 790 on different incidents paid by the RSL Clients when buying tollgate prepaid cards. Prior to his appearance before the courts of law, he was hauled before the RSL disciplinary committee but resigned from the employ of RSL before the matter could be concluded.

The Accused main responsibilities amongst others included the collection of import Value Added Tax (VAT) and toll gate fees on behalf of RSL. The RSL has in place three methods of payment of toll fees namely Cash, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Tollgate Prepaid Cards.

The accused was charged with the responsibility to charge and/or load the tollgate prepaid cards upon client's request and sell same to such a client. He was allegedly selling and issuing out tollgate prepaid cards to clients and failed to remit the monies collected.

The former RSL employee was remanded and granted a bail of M 2 000 which he paid. The second remand will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The case is before Magistrate 'Manyefolo Ramakhula and Prosecutor 'Letsipa Mofilikoane.

The RSL is committed to the fight against corruption in all its forms, especially within its own ranks. Clients/taxpayers are urged to report suspected cases of corruption/theft by RSL employees through the toll-free fraud hotline number – 80022008 or email, intelligence@rsl.org.ls.

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