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Media statement

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Re: ATTORNEY CHARGED IN THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

Legal Aid South Africa was advised that one of its attorneys, employed as a senior legal manager in the Northwest Province, was arrested and charged for possession of pornographic material. We wish to confirm that the attorney has been in the employ of the organisation since 1995. This attorney has since resigned and is no longer employed by Legal Aid SA. We are unable to comment on any allegations of him being connected to or being part of the child pornographic ring that has been reported on in the media.

Legal Aid South Africa's mandate is to provide legal assistance to the indigent in criminal and civil legal matters. As a protector and defender of rights enshrined in our Constitution we view any violation of these rights in a serious light and will not be party to any such violation whether by an individual staff members or otherwise. Clients are advised to report any unethical behavior to their nearest **Legal Aid SA office or call our independently managed, anonymous Ethics toll free, 0800 20 44 73.**

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