



## **THE EFF STATEMENT ON THE NPA REFUSING TO PROSECUTE COVID-19 FUNDS THIEVES.**

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) notes the parliamentary report on the Covid-19 funds corruption in the KwaZulu Natal (KZN) Department of Social Development (DSD). The report exposed yet another failure the National Prosecuting Agency (NPA) to execute its mandate without fear or favour. This time, it has refused to prosecute twelve DSD officials for stealing R41-million of Covid-19 funds.

The twelve officials orchestrated tender fraud in 2020 for the 'purchase' of 48 000 blankets needed during the Covid-19 pandemic at an inflated price of R22-million, and personal protective equipment (PPE) for R19-million. Of these amounts, only R864 000 and R718 550 was recovered from Rosette Investments and Zain Brothers, respectively.

A case was opened at the Pietermaritzburg South African Police Service (SAPS), however the NPA declined to prosecute. Yet another case of outrageous corruption has been closed, exposing the NPA once again as an enabler of the rampant corruption.

The same NPA that refuses to prosecute these twelve thieves has also failed to prosecute Cyril Ramaphosa for his mafia style crimes, that include stashing illegal foreign currency in his mattresses, torturing a woman worker, and using public institutions to cover up his criminality. This growing list of blatant failures by the NPA to prosecute corruption without fear or favour is an indication of state capture under Ramaphosa.

A country whose constitutional institutions are captured descends into utter lawlessness and ultimately, a fight just for survival. In 2024, voters must decisively

change the course of our justice system. It is an EFF Government that will protect constitutional institutions to execute their mandates fairly and fearlessly.



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