"ANNEXURE 11"

IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA

Case Title:	CR 42/2018
The State v Martinus Kauthike Linus	Division of Court:
	Northern Local Division
Heard before:	Delivered on: 21 September 2018
Honourable Ms. Justice Tommasi J et	
Honourable Mr. Justice January J	

Neutral citation: S v Linus (CR 42/2018) [2018] NAHCNLD 91 (21 September 2018)

The order:

- 1. The conviction and sentence for contempt of court are set aside;
- 2. The conviction of theft is set aside and substituted with a conviction of housebreaking with the intent to steal and theft;
- 3. The matter is remitted to the same magistrate, if available, for the court to consider sentence afresh.

Reasons

TOMMASI J (JANUARY J concurring):

- Failure of accused on bail to remain in attendance. Section 67(1)(b) of Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977 provides that accused under these circumstances to forfeit bail. He cannot be convicted of contempt of court. (See S v Paulus 2007 (2) NR 622 (HC))
- 2. The accused admitted that he pushed a door open which was slightly open. The element of breaking in has been proven beyond reasonable doubt. The court ought to have convicted the accused of housebreaking with intent to steal and theft.

M A TOMMASI

JUDGE

HCJANUARY

JUDGE



IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA: NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION

HELD AT OSHAKATI: 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MS JUSTICE TOMMAS J
MR JUSTICE JANUARY J

In the matter between:

STATE

V

MARTINUS KAUTHIKE LINUS

ACCUSED

Having considered the matter in chambers and having read the documents filed of record:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

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BY ORDER OF COURT

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