# "ANNEXURE 11" IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA

Case Title				Case No: 113/2019
The Stat	e v	Lukas	Mwetupunga	CR 20/2019
Nghishaalu	ka			Division of Court:
				Northern Local Division
Heard before:				Delivered on:
				23 May 2019
Honourable Mr. Justice January et				
Honourable	Ms. J	ustice Sa	lionga	
Nghishaalu  Heard befo	ka ore: • Mr. Jo • Ms. J	ustice Jan ustice Sal	uary <i>et</i> lionga	Division of Court:  Northern Local Division  Delivered on:

Neutral citation: S v Nghishaaluka (CR 20 /2019) [2019] NAHCNLD 55 (23 May 2019)

#### The order:

1. The conviction for failure to attend court and sentence of N\$100 or 20 days imprisonment imposed on the accused are hereby set aside.

#### Reason for order

## SALIONGA J (JANUARY J concurring):

- The accused was convicted in the Outapi magistrate's court on the charge of Possession of a firearm without a license. He was sentenced to pay a fine of N\$3000 or 12 months imprisonment. The conviction and sentence are in order.
- 2. The record reveals, however an irregularity that needs to be set aside.
- 3. The accused was granted bail but failed to appear on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2018. Bail was provisionally cancelled and forfeited and final date for cancellation and forfeiture was 9 May 2017. The bail was indeed finally forfeited.
- 4. On 28 September 2018 the accused appeared on a warrant of arrest and the magistrate enquired in a summary manner into the failure by the accused to attend court. The court not satisfied with the explanation given by the accused, convicted him of failing to attend court and sentenced him to a fine of N\$100 or 20 days imprisonment.

5. The summary procedure adopted by the learned magistrate is ultra vires. See S v Muronga 2004 NR 134.					
6. The above order is made.	P				
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J T SALIONGA JUDGE	HC JANUARY JUDGE				

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA: NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION

HELD AT OSHAKATI: 23 MAY 2019

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE JANUARY J

LADY JUSTICE SALIONGA J

In the matter between:

STATE

V

## LUKAS MWETUPUNGA NGHISHAALUKA

**ACCUSED** 

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

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

 The conviction for failure to attend court and sentence of N\$100 or 20 days imprisonment imposed on the accused are hereby set aside.

BY ORDER OF COURT

**REGISTRAR** 

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