## **REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



## IN THE HIGH COURT OF NAMIBIA, NORTHERN LOCAL DIVISION, OSHAKATI REVIEW JUDGMENT

Case Title:	<b>CR No</b> .: 12/2020
The State v Nahenda Samuel	Case No.: 452/2017
	Division of Court:
	Northern Local Division
Heard before:	Delivered on:
Honourable Mr Justice January J et	10 February 2020
Honourable Mrs Justice Salionga J	

Neutral citation: S v Samuel (CR 12/2020) [2020] NAHCNLD 22 (10 February 2020)

## The order:

- 1. The conviction of negligent discharge in contravention of section 38(1) (*I*) read with sections 1, 38 and 39 of Act 7 of 1996 as amended is confirmed;
- 2. The conviction of possession of a fire arm without a license in contravention of section 2 read with sections 1, 38 and 39 is confirmed;
- The sentence of N\$3000 or 12 months imprisonment of which N\$1500 or six months imprisonment is suspended for five years is confirmed but amended to read in addition on condition that the accused is not convicted for a contravention of section 38(1) (*I*) of Act 6 of 1997 committed during the period of suspension;
- 4. The sentence of N\$2000 or ten months imprisonment of which N\$1000 or five

months imprisonment is suspended for a period of five years is confirmed but amended in addition to read on condition that accused is not convicted for a contravention of section 2 of Act 6 of 1997 committed during the period of suspension.

## **Reasons for the order:**

JANUARY J (SALIONGA J concurring):

[1] The sentences imposed in both counts were suspended without any conditions attached.

[2] This court has on numerous occasions in the past directed that it is imperative that the words 'committed during the period of suspension' must be included when sentences are suspended.<sup>1</sup>

'The oversight by the magistrate on the formulation of one of the conditions of suspension is elementary and should have been guarded against; more so where this court in the past has delivered a number of similar judgments in cases where the same mistake has repeatedly been made.'

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See: *State v Geinub* (CR 31/2016) [2016] NAHCMD 94 (06 April 2016)