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### PRESS RELEASE

**TO: ALL NEWS MEDIA EDITORS  
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**DATE: 2016-03-15  
TIME: 14:00**

**RE : REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO TRACE CONVICTED  
OFFENDER WHO ESCAPED FROM POLICE HOLDING CELLS.**

The Namibian Police Force Serious Crime Unit at Walvisbay, in Erongo Region, is appealing for public assistance in tracing a convicted offender Charlse Namiseb (34), who escaped from Windhoek Police Station holding cells on Monday, 29 February 2016.

He was convicted by the Windhoek High Court on the same day (Monday, 29 February 2016), for Robbery, Rape, Assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and Theft, and he was due to return to Court for sentencing on 16 March 2016.

Charlse Namiseb escaped from Windhoek Police Station holding cells on the same day (29/02/2016) he returned from court, after he allegedly falsely informed the Police Officer that he was granted Bail.

The Namibian Police Force is hard at work to trace the fugitive, and thus request for public assistance to trace the fugitive. Charlse Namiseb hails from Uis, but he also has families in Swakopmund, Walvisbay and Otjiwarongo.

Any person with information as to the whereabouts of Charlse Namiseb is requested to contact Chief Inspector John Mwatongwe at 064-219044 or alternatively at cellphone 0812461121, or the nearest Police Station.

The public is advised not to attempt to arrest the fugitive by themselves, as he might be a dangerous person, but should rather report his presence to the nearest Police Station.

The Police Officer, Constable Festus Shihepo (32) who released the convicted offender was arrested on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, and charged with aiding a convicted offender to escape from justice.

The Police Officer appeared at Windhoek Magistrate Court on 4 March 2016, and he was granted Bail of N\$ 3000-00, and the case was postponed to 16 May 2016 for further Police investigations.

Institutional disciplinary proceedings are in the process to consider the member`s suitability to remain in the Namibian Police Force.

Thanks in advance.

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