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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**ATT: ALL NEWS EDITORS**

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### **Gauteng department of human settlements to continue prosecuting those who sell land or houses**

The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements will continue to work close with the law enforcement agencies to ensure prosecution of people who illegally sell government land and houses.

This comes after the postponement of a case against Busi Yika at the Palm Ridge magistrate court.

Yika, 34, was charged with fraud in relation to selling land illegally and also falsifying the letter head of the Gauteng Department of Human Settlement.

“We are not deterred that one charge of fraud has been withdrawn because the suspect has offered to repay R 10 000 of the R12 000 she was allegedly paid during the sale. We see that as a form of admission as it shows that indeed there was a transaction that occurred and we will also continue with the charge of falsifying our letter head.”

The Department, which is also a witness in the case, said that it will work hard to ensure that Yika is punished by the law.

“The Department will not tolerate any illegal sale of land or houses and will take the necessary action to protect it asserts.”

The Department said that Yika’s case should serve as a warning to those who have invaded houses or land that it will not hesitate to take strong action against them.

“Illegal sale of land and houses is sabotage against government and the deserving beneficiaries as it impends on development and leads to resources meant for development being used in legal processes to evict them.”

The Department wishes to call on all those who have been duped into buying land and houses to come forward so that action can be taken against the perpetrators

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