



Republic of Malawi

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

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**FRAUDSTERS OBTAINING MONEY FROM ACCUSED PERSONS IN
THE NAME OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Justice that certain unscrupulous and very ill-informed individuals are running a scheme of siphoning money from accused persons under the pretext that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) will drop the prosecution of their cases if the money is given to them. The public is informed that such individuals are not under the instructions of the DPP nor are they in the employ of the Ministry of Justice.

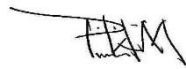
The public is further informed that the office of the DPP is a constitutional office whose office holder took an oath to uphold the values and spirit of our laws in the execution of his duties. The conduct of these individuals, i.e., bribery and solicitation, is purely criminal. Secondly, the office operates using taxpayers' money and obtaining money from accused persons does not make any sense in the circumstances. Thirdly, as a public servant the DPP is regulated by the Malawi Public Service Regulations which deem such acts as illegal. Fourthly, as a lawyer of good standing at the bar and bound by the Malawi Law Society Code of Ethics, such behaviour goes against the very tenets of the Code. Lastly, we must

state that the Code of Conduct for Prosecutors in Malawi abhors, prohibits and frowns at such conduct.

The public is advised to take note that at no point will the DPP, or officers under his office, ever contact an accused to obtain money in order to derail criminal proceedings.

The several incidents thus far have already been reported to the appropriate authorities for their action.

Anyone who is contacted by such individuals should immediately report to police.



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