

SOUTH AFRICA / JUDGMENT

S v Motake (R25/2018) [2018] ZAFSHC 37 (15 March 2018)

[2018] ZAFSHC 37**COURT**

Free State High Court, Bloemfontein

BEFORE

P. J. Loubser, C. Reinders

CASE / FILE NUMBER

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In

the matter between:

THE

STATE

and

BOITHATELO BEN

MOTAKE

CORAM:

REINDERS, J et LOUBSER, J

JUDGMENT

BY: LOUBSER, J

DELIVERED ON: 15 MARCH 2018

JUDGEMENT**ON SPECIAL REVIEW**

[1] This matter came before me as a Special Review in terms of Section 304(4) of the Criminal Procedure Act. It appears from the record of proceedings in the Magistrate's Court of Clocolan that the accused has been found guilty of exceeding the speed limit in the area of Clocolan by driving his vehicle at a speed of 165 km per hour. The Magistrate sentenced him to a fine of R4000.00 or 12 months imprisonment,

“half suspended for a period of 3 years on condition that the accused is not convicted of contravening Section 59(1) Act 93/1996 committed during the period of suspension.”

It was further ruled by the Magistrate that Section 35 of the Act shall not take effect.

[2] In a note requesting a special review of the sentence, the Magistrate remarked as follows:

“I concede that this is due to an oversight on my part and I apologise.”

The Magistrate did not indicate what the oversight was.

[3] From the record of proceedings it appears that the Magistrate had intended to suspend half of the fine and half of the alternative term of imprisonment for a period of three years, and not only half of the alternative term of imprisonment.

[4] The sentence imposed by the Magistrate creates the impression that only half of the alternative term of imprisonment was suspended,

which makes no sense. Also, the suspension refers to a contravention of Section 59(1) which Section only provides that the speed limit shall be as prescribed. Section 59(4) is actually the Section creating the offence.

[5] The following order is therefore made:

1. The sentence imposed by the Magistrate is set aside and substituted with the following:

The accused is sentenced to a fine of R4000.00 or 12 Months imprisonment, half of which fine and term of imprisonment is suspended for a period of 3 years on condition that the accused is not convicted of contravening Section 59(4) of Act 93/1996, committed during the period of suspension. Section 35 Act 93/1996 shall not take effect.

P. J. LOUBSER, J

I concur:

C. REINDERS, J

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